Farm Journal. 1875.

January 1 Friday 2 dy below. fair calm cold wind NW
Sawed old chesnut posts. cut up vegetables threw out corn stalks

2 - began snowing in night. ground white. continued till night
thin sprinkling snow 2. or 3 inches. cleared off in the night wind
NW. windy sent letter to Mr Bartlett. Tennessee.

3 - Sunday fair moderate, some windy. Wind N W. snow melted on roof south side

4 - cloudy day wind Northerly calm raw chilly. cleared out straw
& pumpkins from ice house. called at Dr Bonneys

5 - cloudy morning, fair in afternoon wind NW cooler. put up 4 bushs
corn & oats mixed. carried away ½ barrel coal ashes east of buildings

6 - fair clear calm cold frosty morning wind NW raw & chilly
Sawed chesnut wood in woodshed

7 - began snowing in night. wind NE. held up forenoon cloudy
carried to mills 4 bushels corn & oats mixed bought for C. Daly
postage stamps envelopes Note paper 30 cts

8 - 2 or 3 inches snow in night fair morning wind NW windy. cloudy at night

1875. January 8. carried away coal ashes
9 - cloudy calm, wind easterly raw chilly, cleared off at night
wind NW windy & cold. sawed wood & doing chores
10 - Sunday 6 deg below 0 fair wind NW in forenoon calm in afternoon
11 - 16 deg below 0 reported from Plainville 18 below fair wind NW
cold calm all day. sawed some chesnut wood & kindlings
12 - 8 deg below 0 - fair calm wind NW moderating some cloudy at
wind easterly Mr Belden & Mariamne came over to tea -
13 - 12 deg above 0 - cloudy all day, wind NE. slight sprinkling snow early
morn followed by freezing mist. sawed wood cut vegetables went to mill,
brought home small clock. charged 50 cts for cleaning & regulating, due
14 - cleared off in the night fair morning wind NW cold windy. cleaning
away in outer woodshed. Mr Cooley sent down 2 loads dry hard wood
delivered by Patrick Lynch. piling wood. Mr Kimball shelled some corn
& sawed corn sheller
15 - 4 deg above 0 fair clear cold windy NW very little snow but good sleighing
piled up hard wood in woodshed. F.P. arrived from Boston.
16 - about zero. fair calm wind NW. cloudy in afternoon wind North or NE
put in a new halter to cow stable. F.P. hung some pictures with new cords
17 - Sunday at zero. fair wind NW clear cold windy 13 deg in afternoon
clear calm at night
18. about zero cloudy wind North or NE cold chilly air, began snowing fine
small. 1 inch cleared off towards night calm bright evening. doing
chores. Threw out cornstalks. cleaning out ice from cattle trough
19 - 14 deg below 0. fair clear calm wind NW. easterly at night cold day
sawed & split wood in outer woodshed
20 - 16 deg below 0 fair calm wind NW Some wind in afternoon 10 deg above
sawed & split wood. Mr Cooley sent down another load hard dry wood
split fine & good quality. F.P. went to Northampton by Express.

1875 - January 21 Thursday 13 deg below 0 calm wind easterly, began snowing, continued all day & evening 4 or 5 inches
22 - some snow in night, cloudy misty morning wind Northerly calm, snow & sleet 2 inches more, paid C. Daly wages for 4 weeks due last Sunday January 17. 4 dollars, being a temporary reduction of 2 dollars for these 4 weeks, cloudy wind North & East calm 8 or 10 deg above 0 - Mr Lynch & 2 boys came down & sawed hard dry wood till about 4 o'clock at 2.00 per cord, Mr Holton repaired bell wire in north entry piazza carried away coal ashes
23 - fair wind NW not very cold, Mr Lynch delivered 1 load dry hard wood good quality on his own account 147 feet at 7.00 per load his boys sawed wood all day, Mrs Thalia Belden & Marianne came over & dined
24 - 8 deg below 0 Sunday cloudy calm wind NE came on to snow continued till evening 4 or 5 inches & some sleet
25 - 12 deg above fair wind NW cold windy day, Mr Lynch & boy finished sawing 4¼ cords hard dry wood at 2.00 per cord - 8.50 & paid him for 1 load 147 feet dry hard wood 7.00 total 15.50 cash F.B. went to Northampton by Express, sent by him, Check to Old Northampton Bank for 100 dollars payable to F. Phelps.
paid for 5 yards copper wire 10 ct
26 - 12 deg above fair wind NW cold windy day, sewing & mending
27 - about zero, fair wind NW cold windy, carried to mill 4 bushels corn & oat mixed, grist ground & brought home, carried old bail to blacksmith to be hooped, iron ring, & scratch awl, paid Mr Cooley for 1 pair stockings 25 ct
28 - 15 deg below 0 calm wind North & Easterly cloudy began snowing in afternoon, continued in evening 2 or 3 inches
29 - 20 deg above cloudy day wind NE. moderate, in afternoon 26 deg got in cabbages from sheephouse into cellar, shovelled snow
Rec'd of F.B. payment for 1 pair broad cloth pants blue colored not worn 3.00 cash
for W.P.P.

1875. January 30 Saturday 16 deg. cloudy morning calm wind North & NE
came out fair pleasant day 26 deg. no thawing in roads, went to Mills
with Ralph gave him 25 cts to buy candy for Susie & Dora Hoton.
paid Clifford for 1 iron hoop on pail & a piece of hoop iron to scrape out ashes
25 cts for family. paid him for making 2 iron rings & large scratch awl 30 cts
31 – 7 deg above Sunday cloudy wind North & East. began snowing –
continued till morning 4 & 5 inches

February 1. Monday 7 deg above. snowed in night. in all 6 inches.
cleared off in night, some wind NW. fair fine day. moderate 20 deg –
carried away some coal ashes
2 – 8 deg below 0. fair calm. cloudy about noon. wind south in afternoon
raw chilly. carried away coal ashes, north side of waggon shed
paid Mr Corby for 4 cord 59 feet dry hard wood, 31.23. paid mending clock 50
3 – 14 deg above. cloudy thick misty. wind SE. came on to rain. wet day
misty dreary. cut kindling wood.
4 – 15 deg above fair wind NW. windy & blustering snow settled some.
frozen up again. shovelled snow back of old hog pen to get at shingles. –
5 – 4 deg above fair wind NW quite windy & cold scattered ashes on paths
H.P. left by Express to Northampton to take cars for Boston
6 fair & cold about the same wind NW windy & snowsqualls went to Mills
paid Clifford for sharpening light iron bar. shaking poker for stove grate &
fixing small iron shovel 20 cts. paid Mr Corby for 6 lb crackers 42 cts for family
7 – Sunday 5 or 6 deg below 0 at 9 o'clock. fair hazy cloudy afternoon wind North
or NW cold chilly & long spell of cold weather & no thawing. ground frozen
deep & many water pipes frozen up.
8 – below 0 cloudy wind North thin snowy cloud. came off fair in afternoon 10 deg above
9 – some deg below 0 – fair wind NW very cold blustering day. atmosphere
full of snowsqualls. sawed wood. cutting out ice from cattle troughs –
10 – 10 deg below 0. fair wind NW rather calm pleasant day. not so cold to day
went over to see Mr Hoton. put up grist provender. sawed wood

1875 ~~Jan~~ February 11. began snowing early morning wind NE.
continued fine thin snow till noon. 2 or 3 inches in afternoon
turned to rain 26 deg continued till evening. sawed wood
paid a man who called for 1 small box medicine for diphtheria 25 cts
12 – 5 deg below 0. fair wind NW, cold windy sharp air. carried to mill
3 bushels corn. rye. oats mixed, got ground & brought home
paid Mr Paul at mill for 1 bag bran 80 cts.
13 – 10 to 12 deg below 0 – 8 deg at 9 o'clock. fair day calm cloudless
in afternoon some wind & cold. went to post office. bought of
Mr Shipman 17½ lb sugar 2.00. 2 gals kerosene oil tea & coffee butter
codfish on account – bought on my own account 1 pair thick shoes 2.00 charged
14 – 12 or 13 deg below 0 Sunday fair calm serene. began to blow strong
NW wind. a continuation of cold winds & windy weather for many days
15 – 4 deg below 0. fair wind NW cold windy mended broken slat to
bedstead, sawed wood & kindling stuff. Mr Horton delivered 1 barrel
flour. sold to J. Lyons 1 bushel oats on credit
16 – 12 deg below 0. fair & cold but nearly calm. NW wind in afternoon
not warm enough to thaw any during day. cold spell continues. sawed wood
17 – 4 deg below 0. fair cloudy sun came out before noon in afternoon
26 deg snowsqualls & high wind. growing colder went to post office
for mail. paid Mr Shipman for 1 pair thick shoes – 2.00 –
18 – 8 deg below 0 fair rather calm pleasant 12 deg above wind NW
sawed wood. cutting out ice from cattle trough
19 – 5 deg below 0 – cloudy calm wind Northerly came on to snow fine &
thin 12 deg above. paid Mr Horton for 1 barrel flour. delivered Feb 15
8 dollars. for filling ice house 10 dollars. also paid him for 17½ lb flour
at 4 cts, sent over in bag came to 70 cts. also 1 nut iron tea kettle
bought at Northampton 1.75 total 20.45. & 55 cts commission, in all 21 dolls
20 – 23 deg above cloudy. slight snow in night mild & some during the day
fine & thin 28 deg. rain towards night. E. Chapin borrowed keg tub & pulleys
21 Sunday fair wind NW. 24 deg above in forenoon windy. moderate

1875 February 22. Monday, about zero. fair frosty morning partly cloudy in afternoon wind south raw chilly. carried to mill 3 bushel corn rye & oats mixed. grist ground & brought home. paid at mill for about 3 bushels both & shorts 1.00
23 - 30 deg fair mild wind south. pleasant day, thawed considerable after 6 weeks very cold weather began to moderate last Saturday Feb 20, paid C. Daly for 4 weeks wages 6.00 due Feb. 14 — 43 deg to day
24 - 36 deg mild calm wind south cloudy 46 deg fair at night shovelling away snow & ice from doors. bought Graham flour cheese butter
25 - thick fog all day calm mild, in afternoon 36 deg - shower in evening wind Westerly. thawing weather for 2 or 3 days. snow settling down & melting fast quite sloppy in road carried away coal ashes. cleaning out horse stable
26 - 28 deg fair wind NW windy but moderate. scattered coal ashes on slippery places shelled corn sawed wood.
27 - Saturday taken sick - gave up work. 14 deg snow storm wind NE stormy all day. not a heavy fall snow. did chores in morning in afternoon felt unwell & sent for Dr Bonney who prescribed solution to take poorly Ralph began doing chores for me
28 - Sunday about zero fair cold windy day Ralph did chores all day

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March 1. Monday — about zero. clouded up & began to snow again. continued all day wind NE. Mr Horton called in last night & to day - Annual Town Meeting
2 - fair pleasant day thawed some. Dr Bonney called
3 - cloudy & snowing continued snowing in night wind NE. much drifted —
Mr Horton brought for us at Amherst 2 lb raisins 44 cts - 4 lemons 16 cts — 60 & brought home from Mr Scotts 1 bottle cider. Dr Bonney called yesterday & today Mrs Peck died yesterday at Dr Bonneys house. Ralph brought home molasses & crackers. deep snow & bad travelling in common roads.

1875 March 4. – being unwell, omitted keeping regular journal of weather farm work & expenses, engaged Ralph H. to do the chores at 50 cts per day commencing February 27. Saturday. paid him about this time 3.00 for 6 days work. the weather continuing for many days cloudy or snowy. but calm & moderate. with very little fair clear weather till March 17th fair & windy. snow melted & settled down very much. about this time. Mr Horton cleared off snow from gutters on house roof. & his man worked part of day. sawing wood. clearing away coal ashes. paid Ralph 3.00 more for his work doing chores

5 – calm mild & cloudy or snowy sometimes rain. being the general character
6 of the weather. during the first & second weeks of March. & in this time
7 a heavy body of snow fell. but the weather continued rather mild & calm with several thawing days

16 – paid Ralph 1 dollar more, making 7 dollars. cloudy mild calm.

17 – fair pleasant wind Westerly some windy. sent to Northampton for several articles & bought by Mr Mason. 1 bottle Kingsleys Cough Cure 35 cts. 1/4 lb flaxseed 10. 28 postage Stamps 84 cts – 1/2 doz Rochelle Powders. 50 cts sent over Cash 1,80. medicine 35. stamps 84 – Rochelle Powders 50. flaxseed 10 = 1.79 lump butter bought of Mr Shepmans

18 – fair wind NW. windy & cooler blustering weather

19 – 10 deg above wind West or NW little hazy & calm. paid Ralph 5.00 more 3.00 his due up to last evening & 2.00 more for 4 days more to next Monday sent by Mr Horton cash to pay Dr Bonneys Bill 18.50. sent basket for crackers

20 – snow storm wind NE. fine & thin 10 deg above. Mr Horton brought home last evening basket crackers, & paid Dr Bonneys bill, brought home receipted

21 – 12 deg Sunday. cloudy & snowy. 4 or 5 inches snow fell yesterday. cleared off fair pleasant wind North 20 deg. thawed some —

22 – 10 below 0. fair calm fine day. in afternoon 20 deg above. Mr Horton carried grist provender to mill. ground & brought home

23 – 4 deg below 0 fair pleasant day wind North 20 deg above. Mr Horton brought over & delivered 1 small load coal. paid Ralph 50 cts

24 – 10 deg below zero. cloudy began snowing in forenoon. continued till night

1875 March 25. 26 deg fair fine pleasant wind NW fresh breeze
Mr Horton delivered ½ ton stove coal 5.25 & 1500 lb - 6.75 — 12.00
paid him for 2500 lb coal — 12.00.
26 - 8 deg above fair wind south. snowing in afternoon copied journal
27 - 30 deg fair pleasant warm, snow melting, above 40 deg. went to barn.
28 - 25 deg - Sunday fair fine day wind NW good breeze —
29 - 15 deg fair calm, very fine pleasant day. paid Ralph Horton for doing chores 6 days 300 — paid him in all 15½ dollars to this date 31 days
paid Mr Kendricks bill for 6 months to April 1 — 51.45
30 - fair clear calm fine day. Cooley Dickinson paid us a visit in forenoon
Humphrey Mc Carty came & spent the afternoon
31 - fair fine calm pleasant day — looked over the family accounts with F. Phelps. & settled the same to this date — Whole amount family Expenses from October 1 - 1874 to April 1 - 1875 — 320 dollars. & tax on house 10.00
320 dollars & tax on house 10.00 - making 330 dollars. one third is 110 dollars
Wednesday March 31 - Mr Horton delivered & put into cellar ½ barrel bar
sent for by Mr Shipman & cost about 8,50. copied. Copied

April 1. Thursday cloudy day calm mild. fair pleasant in afternoon
— began doing chores again.
2 heavy fog & cloud came off fair. F.P. left by Express for Northampton to take cars for Boston —
3. foggy cloudy rainy some slight rain cloudy day. Myron Tower borrowed old rack waggon to go to mill. Ralph Horton went to post office for us to get the mail, brought home butter & crackers from Mr Shipmans. he went with Mr Hortons horse & our rack waggon
paid him 25 cts
4 - Sunday cold rain storm wind NE. melted snow. held up towards night
5 - cloudy morning. cleared off before noon wind NW. fair with clouds, wind round NW good breeze. ice raised in river windy day & evening
Myron Tower carried to mill on his waggon 3. bags provender

1875 - April 5 — 4½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed. grist ground & brought home. paid him 50 cts — Mr Horton cutted & fixed tap & vent of beer barrel. threw away a gallon beer leaked out. Mr Kendrick called to look at cow. Loring Chapin cutted, sent by E Chapin to borrow 300. Ralph came in afternoon & carried away ½ barrel coal ashes & part of another.

6 - fair clear, ground frozen. wind Northerly fair in forenoon cloudy in afternoon nailed on boards in barrel & fixed the hook on door to cowhouse. partly cleaned out hose stable

7 - flurry of snow in the night. ground white, fair pleasant mild calm Mr Horton sledded 1 load rails from meadow fence, extending to river & sledded appletree wood from lot north of barn. divided between us

8 - fair, ground & water frozen calm cloudy rain or sleet began to fall Fast day, cloudy 36 deg in afternoon

9 - 33 deg fair fine morning, calm ground frozen cloudy wind Northerly damp & chilly cloudy heavy all day — F. Horton took a job sawing chesnut & hard wood. began to day. sawed & split 1½ feet chesnut wood in outer woodhouse. Ralph got out & carried away 2 barrels coal ashes & clinkers. mended hose stable floor & a hole side of the door paid Fred Horton 1.00.

10 heavy fog fair pleasant day wind North some breeze, large part of snow gone some snow banks remaining. copied journal & mended clothes paid Ralph for carrying away coal ashes yesterday 25 cts. & for doing errand to post office & getting mail to day 25 cts

11 - 46 deg in forenoon Sunday, fair fine calm mild 55 deg in afternoon wind North some breeze. paid C. Daly for 4 weeks wages due this day 6.00

12 - cloudy wind easterly mild calm cloudy day raw chilly east wind no rain. Mr Horton sent Ralph to borrow 4 lb — 8 penny nails F. Horton worked 1 day, sawing wood north side woodhouse (hard wood)

13 - snowstorm. wind NE. thin & sprinkling snow - Storm increased. continued snowing all day & in night, nearly a foot of heavy damp snow fell. drifted

1875 April 13 - F. Horton sawed chestnut wood 1 day, thrown inside,
14 - cleared in morning fine pleasant fresh breeze wind North or NW.
F. Horton worked 1 day sawing wood out north side. Ralph shovelled
paths & cleared away snow from doors. Mr Mason paid the balance of his
account for jag hay brought last year. 5.00 paid in labor painting house
& balance 2 80 paid in cash this day & settled from Shipman
Mrs Horton brought up some butter from her house & kerosene & mackerel
15 - fair fine day snow melting. in afternoon wind SE. F. Horton worked
part of day sawing wood. copied journal carried out husks & cabbage
cleaning out cattle trough. paid F. Horton 3.00 - in evening looked over
& settled accounts with Mr Horton
16 - rainy wind SE. snow all gone. F. Horton worked 1 day sawing
wood & throwing it into woodshed. copied journal. paid Ralph Horton for
work & going to post office Wednesday 50 cts
17 - snowed last evening about 1 inch. fair morning wind West. pleasant
day. rather cold wind made ice ¼ inch. F. Horton worked 1 day sawing
wood. Mr Horton cleaned out backhouse. drew out box from vault & carried
off on sled & emptied in lot south of garden. paid Ralph H. for getting
out coal ashes, & at night for getting mail 50 cts —
18 - Sunday 26 deg fair day, partly cloudy, snow squall towards night wind
19 - 24 deg - frozen hard & thick ice. cold north wind. F. Horton 1 day sawing
20 - 24 deg - frozen hard & thick ice cold windy. F Horton 1 day & swing wood
paid him 5.00 making 11 dollars paid him. he mended stable floor -
21 - fair ground frozen. thick ice trough. wind NW cold & windy
F Horton 1 day sawing wood. about finished sawing & splitting 8 cords wood
paid him 5.00 making in all 16 dollars for sawing 8 cords wood
Mr Horton brought over 2 bags middlings cost 150
22 - ground frozen & ice formed, fair wind North or NW some breeze. pleasant day
23 - fair fine calm, ground frozen, & ice formed. wind Northerly
24 + fair calm wind North mild. bound rye in small bundles to put in ice house
chopping ice at door of ice house, carted 26 bundles rye straw to ice house
Ralph assisted me about the work -

1875 April 25. Sunday. fair moderate some cloud. wind North or NE. fresh breeze. mild wind. paid Ralph for getting the mail, & helping about getting straw & putting into icehouse 50 cts

26 – fair morning wind North or NW with clouds. fresh cool breeze. sent by Mr Horton a Check for 319 Dollars, to be deposited in the old Northampton Bank mended stable floor

27 – fair bright calm, wind North or NW

28 – fair wind NE cool hazy in forenoon, cloudy in afternoon. wind SE. putting up grist provender, carried to mill 3 bushels in 2 bags grist ground & brought home. paid Mr Porter Scott by Frank Scott for W. P. Phelps seat in pew one year past 2.00. Mr Horton delivered 1 bbl flour 8.00

29 – 34 deg – fair calm bright wind North or NW. mending fence in barnyard cleaning & currying horse. getting down hay, cutting potatoes minding old pail. Mr Hortons took 10 bushel oats to sow over east lot on cornland. Mr J. Clark engaged a few bushels oats to sow at 80 cts Mr Hortons man casted manure from barnyard to lot south of garden

30 – fair bright morning cool fresh breeze wind NW in afternoon heavy clouds & rainsquall with high wind. hung up long ladder in barn on chains. opened barrel flour. put a barrel to soak for washing clothes paid Mrs C. Daly 1 dollar part of wages in advance

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May

1 Saturday fair wind Northerly or NW pretty cool. cloudy part of day Ralph worked nearly ½ day. carried away coal ashes & piling willow wood in woodshed about 1 cord. paid him 50 cts for his work. greased carriage wheels. subscribed 10 dollars to assist Mr Borne, total loss by fire this money was never called for

2 Sunday rain in night cloudy morning. sun came out in forenoon. heavy clouds & rain squall. cleared off fair with strong NW wind

3 fair 38 deg cool windy day NW. raking over the grass south side of woodhouse Mr Kendrick took away 1 beef cow. of bright red color, broad horns & white spot in forehead. Ralph brought over another cow from Mr Hortons. a light red color with white face & small horns

1875 May 4 Tuesday cloudy forenoon, fair in afternoon calm. went to Northampton, drew from the old Bank by Check 200 Dollars & loaned to Mr Belden, received his note payable on demand at 7 per cent Interest — Received for Frances Phelps Trustee Dividend of W.P.P. 90 Dollars & deposited the same to my credit. received my own Dividend 36 dollars in bills & brought home

5 fair morning calm pleasant NW wind began to blow fresh. mended horse stable nailed on boards outside of stable in barnyard

6 cloudy calm began to sprinkle in forenoon & came on to rain in afternoon wind easterly. fitting on & nailing boards inside horse stable

7 rainy night wind easterly cloudy morning cleared off at noon wind east, facing step of upright bar to barn doors. Sold & measured to T. Clark 5 bushels oats for sowing at 80 cts pr bushel arrived

8 cloudy calm wind south & SE cloudy all day. Mrs E.P. Bullfinch

9 Sunday heavy thunder & some rain in night cloudy morning fair in part afternoon rather warmer day wind south. lightning struck maple tree in

10 fog or cloud calm wind SW fair cloudy. cleared off at night fair, wind NW washed clothes, cleaning stable

11 fair bright morning dew on grass calm. fresh breeze came from NW. Shelled corn. put up 1 bag corn rye & oats mixed. sold 1 jag meadow hay to Mr Keife miller at lower mills for 80 cts per cwt. Adolph Horton used our old horse 1 day to go to school

12 cloudy wind south. increased to almost a gale. filled the air with dust, & slight rain squall in afternoon. cleared off towards night. mending clothes

13 fair dew cool wind NW fresh breeze pleasant. Shelled corn, mended clothes, Ralph used our horse 1 day to go to school. paid Mrs C. Daly her wages for 4 weeks. 5 dollars. & 1 dollar paid to her in advance April 30 — due May 9.

14 fair calm wind south fresh breeze. cut some feed for horse. appetite failed horse used in afternoon to go over to F.G. Huntington

15 cloudy calm began a sprinkling rain wind southerly cloudy. then cleared off fair & warm in afternoon wind Northerly cooler. nailing on loose boards to the old slab shed on east yard

1875
May 15 winnowed & put up 1 bushel shelled corn, & carried to mill 3 bags provender 4½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed. paid Clifford for 2 hoops on pail taking off horse shoes. & making pair cars for pail handle 35 cts
Ralph raked up brush in yard & helped about other things. paid him 30 cts for his assistance this day. paid Mr Hemenway for cutting pegs in old boot.
16 Sunday cool windy day with many clouds wind NW. paid Mrs C. Daly wages for 4 weeks in advance 6.00 due June 6 Sunday
17 fair bright morning calm. before noon fresh breeze from North & NW fine clear day. picked up small brush under appletrees east of smoke house in afternoon Mr Smith took away load meadow hay from north mow.
18 fair wind NE cool day with clouds wind SE getting out nails from horse shoes, mending up east hovel. cutting up bushes back side of hovel
19 began raining in night wind easterly hazy morning cloudy came off fair in afternoon wind NW. Mr Horton's men began to reset meadow fence on the road, began next to Bishop Huntingtons — shelling corn —
20 fair sunrise wind south. clouded over wind rising. sprinkling rain, cloudy wind West in afternoon mended ladder, nailing on boards to manger cow stable
21 fair warm sunny day calm wind south changed to NW in afternoon 80 deg fixing plug in barnpump. put sheet lead about pump & repaired fence back of it, nailed on cross piece to door in cowhouse. cleaning off cobs in cowhouse
22 rain in the night, sun came out in morning cloudy calm, cleared off fair warm wind West, raking brush under fruetrees carting appletree brush north of barn to heap. Ralph H worked about ½ day
23 Sunday, fair calm bright warm day —
24 fair calm hazy wind southerly partially cloudy, not so warm as yesterday raking up brush in west yard under trees. J Connolly carted manure from barnyard to Belden lot. paid Ralph for raking brush last Saturday ½ day 35 cts
25 fair calm wind south some hazy clouds warm 75 deg cloudy day fair at night carting appletree brush north of barn to brush heap, also brush under tree to heap Ralph helped in afternoon.

1875 May 26 Wednesday fog & clouded in morning. came off fair wind north or NE fresh breeze all day 80 deg. carting 1 load small brush & chips from appletree north of barn to brush heap mending clothes

27 - fair clear cool breeze wind North or NE. calm & warm in afternoon 78 deg cutting up large appletree branch broken off from tree. carting brush to heap & wood to woodpile. carting brush from button wood tree in

28 fair calm quite warm day wind south. cutting down alder bushes near smoke house. raking up scattered hay north side cowhouse. sprouting potatoes in cellar cutting appletree wood getting out nails of old boards mending clothes

29 - fair hazy thick wind south. wheeling brush & leaves from west yard to garden & burnt. A.D. Phelps & Harriet P. arrived from Boston. rec'd Check from F. Phelps

30 - Sunday cloudy morning. came off fair strong NW wind

31 - fair bright calm wind North. moderate breeze. 75 deg calm mending clothes

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June 1. Tuesday fair fine day, wind south. 75 deg. Arthur & wife Sarah & William went to Northampton in forenoon. Mr Beldent & Marianna came over to dinner sent over to Old Northampton Bank a Check by A.D.P. deposited 100. & brought home 80.20

2 - fair calm pleasant day wind south. cutting up potatoes. Arthur & W.P.P. left by Express for Springfield & Hartford. Sarah & Harriet went to town -

3 - fair bright morning calm pleasant. wind south cloudy in afternoon - put up grist provender & carried to mill 5 bushels corn rye & oats mixed. grist ground & brought home. raked up some scattering hay north side cowhouse & carted into barn yard. Arthur, Harriet, Sarah & W.P.P. went to Whately

4 - fair fine day wind Westerly or NW some breeze. cutting down alder bushes carried to brush heap alder bushes & currant bushes outside of east hood Received Mr Horton's bill for sundry articles - flour, guano, grass seed, clover seed & 1 cow. total 73.57. from this amount deduct 16.80 proceeds of hay sold for me by Mr Horton & payment to be received by him. paid him 56.77

5 - fair day warm some hazy wind south. carried currant bushes to brush heap Arthur Harriet & W.P.P. went to Amherst. & afterwards down to Hadley Cemetery

6. Sunday cloudy morning wind south. cloudy calm, wind Westerly fair & night

1875

June 7 Monday cloudy wind NE with some sprinkling, set in to rain in afternoon. sprouting & cutting potatoes. copied journal

A. D. Phelps & Harriet P. left by Express to take cars for Boston

8 – foggy morning. came off fair & pleasant wind southerly calm in afternoon mended pail. sprouted & cut potatoes

9 – cloudy all day wind easterly cool, rain at night. carried potatoes from cellar to barn to sprout – Mr Horton brought over 10 bushels early rose potatoes

10 – rain in the night cloudy morning sun came out before noon, pleasant warm & calm. mowed grass south side woodhouse. carried potatoes to barn

11 – fog fair rather warm wind northerly mended pail, sprouted potatoes, drew off 1 gallon ale for Sarah P. received payment 50 ct –

12 – Sunday fair bright morning wind south. strong breeze. mowed grass south of woodhouse sprouted potatoes

13 – Monday – some rain in night fair morning. wind NW clear cool fresh breeze all day 58 deg

14 – fair wind NW cool pleasant day. sprouted potatoes

15 – fair cool calm some hazy, wind rising from NW cool breeze mowed grass. sprouted potatoes

16 fair calm hazy or cloudy wind NW mowed grass in lane. sold to E. Kimball a jag of herds grass hay at 80 ct per Cwt, to be weighed at Shipman

17 – fair calm wind easterly. hazy or smoky atmosphere in afternoon, slight rain at night. carried potatoes to barn. mowed grass in lane

18 – rain in night & rainy morning & afternoon, wind NE mowed some grass in yard & lane. F. Hastings birth day

19 cloudy wind easterly or NE some wind, fair in afternoon, rain squall with thunder, fair at night sprouted potatoes mowed grass. paid Mr Morrison for fly screen for table 50 ct. for small glass goblet 15 ct cake of soap for Ralph 10 ct

20 – Sunday fair bright calm. wind came from NW in afternoon, pleasant calm warm, smoky atmosphere

1875 - June 21 Monday fair pleasant day, hazy atmosphere wind southerly sprouted potatoes, mowed grass, sold & weighed hay to W. Bakewell 612 lbs at 75 cts per cwt. Mr Horton's men worked ½ day setting fence west side of road. down to the meadow bars. paid Mr Horton for 10 bushels early rose potatoes @ 60 cts 6.00, & paid Mrs Horton for 8 lbs & some ounces butter 2.53 — total 8.53

22 fair calm hazy atmosphere, in afternoon brisk south wind warm day 84 deg - sprouted potatoes. sent to mill by Mr Horton 2 bushels shelled corn

23 cloudy wind south warm fair afternoon with clouds sprouted potatoes cohelled in wood to woodshed & some old fencing stuff

24 - 69 deg early morning. cloudy foggy warm muggy calm. 89 deg afternoon fair in afternoon wind south some breeze — Sold by Mr Horton for Mr Osborn to come down & doctor the old horse. cleaned out his sheath, very foul filed down his front teeth upper jaw. gave him a bottle of milk & molasses. in afternoon came again & filed lower teeth, gave him salt petre & afterwards some cider brandy Mr Horton assisted — Sarah & Ellen Bulfinch left Hadley by Mr Pelkey one horse carriage at twelve o'clock to take cars for Cambridge

25 some cloudy calm damn. brisk wind from NW with cloud 83 deg in afternoon. Mr Osborn came down to see the horse gave an injection paid him 3.00 for the whole job. Mr Horton came over to assist. mowed grass

26 - fair wind West 82 deg at 11 o'clock, rather calm warm day, cloudy in afternoon rain at night. Mr Osborn came to see the horse, brought gallon of cider, gave the horse some cider & molasses. sold him a small load clover hay to be weighed at Cobys, mowed grass.

27 - Sunday cloudy foggy warm muggy, sun coming out warm 83 deg - calm, some heavy clouds wind Westerly

28 - fair warm 85 deg wind south wind came round to NW strong fresh cool. a scud of rain passed to SW. brisk wind afternoon. Mr Horton gave the horse cider & molasses, sawed up old fencing stuff, cut up potatoes. Osborn came at night

29 - cloudy cool wind NE. 62 deg fair cloudy slight sprinkling rain in afternoon wheeling wood into woodshed sawing wood mowed grass. cut potatoes.

1875 - June 30. cloudy & foggy calm, came off fair warm wind south, in afternoon wind more Westerly with clouds & cooler, mowed grass, cut potatoes sawed wood. Mr Horton came over before night, gave the horse cider & molasses, bought at Mr Shipmans 5 postage stamps 15 cts & 5 postal cards 5 cts — 20 cts

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July 1 - Thursday fair wind Westerly, part of day cloudy windy & quite cool — clearing out old straw from stable in sheephouse, mowed grass west side cornhouse putting up grist provender corn & oats mixed — Mr Horton began mowing piece south of garden, also garden & yard — rode up to North Hadley at night with Mr Horton

2 - fair day pretty warm, Mr Horton mowed lot south of garden & the swale east of garden & path north of barn, carted hay from piece south of garden, from garden & from swale east of garden — the old horse died to day before noon, having been failing & sick since the 23 June. Mr Otis began to doctor him the 24 — he walked about the yard yard occasionally, but lost all appetite, at last fell down & died near barn doors

3 - fair warm calm, cloudy - fair warm in afternoon wind south. Mr Horton carted a small jag hay to each, from path north of barn, also took the grass & weeds mowed in north yard — this morning Mr Horton & his man dug a pit just north of brush heap east of the buildings & gave the old horse a decent burial. paid Mr Horton for all his assistance 5.00 & his man 1.00

4 Sunday fair morning overcast cloudy day cool wind south some breeze — funeral of David Wrights wife — paid Mrs C. Daly wages for 4 week 6.00 due this day

5 - 75 deg - cloudy wind south fair with clouds, warm sultry day, heavy thunder shower in evening — Mr Horton mowed & got in the east side of bogs south of lane & put in cornhouse, wheeled wood into woodshed — paid the Agent for a fountain pump 5 dollars & took the address of the Manufacturer Josiah Whitmore No 82 Weybosset St, Providence R.I.

6 - heavy thunder shower last night. cloudy morning warm muggy. sun came out about 10 o'clock calm warm, sultry day. thunder shower at 4 o'clock Mr Horton mowed piece east of barn lot. paid for file 34 cts. sawed wood

7 - cleared off in the night, fair morning wind came round North or NW with clouds & fresh breeze cooler. Mr Horton raked up hay over east in orchard & carted load to his barn. copied journal, mowed grass.

1875. July 8. Thursday. fair, wind north & NE. cool breeze with clouds in afternoon wind SE. washed clothes, greased shoes, mowed grass, sprouted & cut up potatoes. Mr Horton got in a jag hay to cowhouse from piece east of tan lot foot of hill

9 cloudy cool wind south fair – in afternoon cool brisk wind SE. sent grist provende by Ralph to Hadley town mills. 6 bushels corn & oats mixed – Ralph brought home crackers & jug molasses from Mr Shipman. mowed grass

10 – cloudy cool wind south. sun came out about noon, fair afternoon hired a horse of Mr Horton to bring home grist from town mills. towards night a heavy shower with thunder. paid Mr Shipman for 8 postage stamps 24 cts – paid one half fee for weighing load hay 6 cts – total 30 cts mowed grass, sprouted & cut potatoes. Mr Prince called at night to shew horse

11 – Sunday some fog fair, fresh cool wind from NW.

12 – fair bright clear calm cool wind south fine day. mowed grass cut potatoes fixed door in north alley in barn. mowed weeds in sheepyard –

13 – foggy calm, came out fair & warm. hazy cloudy in afternoon, thunder shower in afternoon. mowed grass east of smoke house last week Mr Horton ground a scythe for me. to day he mowed tan lot brought over barrel flour & opened it. also brought over 5 bushels potatoes

14 fair calm wind NW rather light, good hay weather. carried 5 bushels potatoes from cowhouse to cellar south bin. mowed grass, sprouted potatoes in cellar, Mr Horton got in hay from tan lot into cowhouse mowed grass north of barn

15 – fog fair calm dew webs on grass 84 deg in afternoon fine hay day. mowed grass sprouted potatoes. Mr Horton finished mowing lot north of barn & carted in hay to barn 2 loads to each

16 – cloudy morning calm warm muggy, began sprinkling rain about 6 o'clock. cloudy warm, cut some grass. sprouted potatoes copied journal

17 – fair with some fog. wind NW cool fresh mowed grass, sprouted potatoes. Mr Horton got in hay from meadow east in hollow, & east on flat 2 loads to each

18 Sunday cloudy cool wind NE began to rain before noon cloudy afternoon, fair

1875 July 19 fair bright calm. cool fresh breeze from North & NW
mowed grass, sprouted potatoes, copied journal, sawed wood. Mr Horton
mowed hollow west of road & a strip the whole length on the meadow flat
carted hay from hollow 2 loads swale hay for my part put in cowhouse
& 1 or 2 loads better quality put into barn copied to this date
20 — some fog fair calm in forenoon. in afternoon wind south more
cloudy. not good hay weather mowed grass, carried out potatoe sprouts
& rubbish from cellar, wheeled wood into woodhouse. Mr Horton
mowed on the meadow flat North & south of path carted 4 loads my part, to barn
21 — 65 deg fair calm warm day wind south or south west good hay
day. mowed grass got in wood. Mr Horton mowed in Belden lot
only 3 acres mowing this year in that lot, the rest tillage. Mr Osborn
delivered here 1 barrel flour. Mr Horton carted all the hay from flat in
meadow & also in Belden lot except 10 tumbles of my part left out
Mr Hortons men cradled rye on hill over east
22 fair with hazy clouds calm moderately warm wind south, hazy
all day cloudy at night, mowed grass in the road near gate & in bogs
Mr Horton team brought in 10 tumbles hay
23 began to rain in night or early morning rainy forenoon wind NE
cloudy in afternoon cleared off fair towards night, mending clothes
24 fair calm morning. cool wind spring up from NW mowed grass
mended clothes. paid for 3 quarts dewberries 30 cts. Ralph brought
from Mr Shipman bucket sugar & bundle crackers
25 — Sunday fair calm fine pleasant day wind NW
26 — fair calm with thin hazy clouds cloudy wind south calm
warm & muggy rain in afternoon with thunder mowed grass
wheeled wood into woodshed. Mr Hortons men got in rye into barn from
hill over east. received letter from Harriet P. Phelps F. Phelps unwell
27 heavy shower last evening, cleared off last night. foggy morning fair
warm calm 85 deg in morning. hazy clouds in afternoon more air
wind Westerly mowed grass. sawed wood old fence stuff

1875 July 28 Wednesday 66 deg cloudy calm, some sprinkling rain
cloudy forenoon. fair & warm in afternoon calm mowed grass
sprouted potatoes in cellar, cut up old clapboards for kindling wood
29 - fair morning with fog hazy, cloudy before noon sprinkling
cloudy steady rain towards night, mowed grass. sprouted potatoes in cellar
repaid C. Daly for fish 38 cts
30 - cleared off in night foggy morning fair warm, clouded up in afternoon
shower of rain with some thunder fair. mowed grass, sprouted potatoes
in cellar. Mr Horton mowed grass on river bank yesterday first crop & to day
carted in 2 jags to each before the rain.
31 - fair & calm in morning fine breeze from NW pleasant cool day
sprouted potatoes in cellar. Mr Horton brought up from Mr Shipmans
salt fish & coffee & carted hay from meadow in afternoon 2 jags to each
paid Webster Smith for 3 quarts berries 30 cts - rec'd letter from S. Phelps

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August 1, Sunday 60 deg fair bright clear & calm, cool Northerly breeze springing up
clouding over, cloudy at night
2 - rain in morning cloudy rain in afternoon wind NE. calm warm.
mowed grass. cut up brush in woodshed, & old fencing stuff & clapboards kindling
3 - rainy night & morning wind NE. heavy rain, sprouting potatoes mowed grass
rainy morning, sun came out before noon. fair in afternoon wind south
4. warm, smart shower before night. sprouted potatoes mowed grass.
Mr Hortons men thrashed 21 shock rye from hill over east. yielded 10 bush
& 1 peck, divided 5 bushels 4 quarts to each. rec'd letter from Mr P. M. Bartlett
5 - thunder shower in the night. cloudy muggy morning. heavy watery clouds
wind south. shower before noon. thunder shower passed south in afternoon
heavy clouds all day. Mr Horton worked on house roof to stop leakage in tin gutter
west side roof, by putting on cotton batting & covering with thick paint. fixed sky light
went to work at barn. hung up south door of hayloft in hovel. put in hook hinges
mended door on north side hovel. nailed on clapboards. north side cornhouse fastened hinges
to cellar door

1875. August 5 mowed grass, Harvested potatoes. bought for family 3 quarts dewberries
paid Mr Horton for 1 barrel flour price 8.00 - see July 13 - & opened -
6 heavy fog fair warm wind south, warm day. Sprouted potatoes. mowed grass.
Mr Horton mowed in meadow & got in 1 load hay to barn at night
7 - cloudy drizzly & sprinkling weather, brisk south wind some sunshine. heavy clouds
around. dog day weather showery in afternoon. heavy shower in evening. mowed grass
Mr Horton got in 2 loads hay from meadow
8 - Sunday cloudy warm muggy, fair, calm some sunshine heavy clouds
9 - heavy fog, fair warm. wind came from West or NW fresh & cool. good hay day
until sudden shower came up late in afternoon - Mr Horton mowed in meadow
got in 1 load to barn. finished haying in meadow. his men mowed by hand, swale
north of lane. Fred Horton cradled oats over east old pasture.
10 fair bright morning, early fog. fair calm, wind southerly 82 deg mowed grass
sawed wood. Mr Horton took 1 load rye straw from barn & carted to Northampton
carted swale hay from piece north of lane 1 load to each in hovel & mowed both sides
of highway yesterday & west yard & mowed weeds in north yard to day.
11 - heavy fog & heavy clouds, slight shower about noon, wet weather, wind south
showers every day wetting hay & oats. Mr Hortons men got in to barn 2 loads oats
from lot over east old pasture. Mrs C. Bulfinch. Sarah P. Ellen Bulfinch & F.P. arrived
12 - heavy rain early morning cloudy day brisk south wind, rain in afternoon &
heavy showers in evening mowed grass. Ralph brought up from Mr Horton 1 bushel
new early potatoes & brought from T. G. Huntingtons turnips summer squashes, green corn
paid him by Ralph 60 cts.
13 - partly cleared off cloudy warm muggy, wind south showery seeds of rain.
mowed grass. Ralph brought tomatoes from Mr Huntingtons said for yesterday.
hired Mr Hortons horse & carriage for Mrs Bulfinch & Ellen B. to go to town with
Ralph to drive - paid for 4 quarts huckleberries 40 cts for family -
14 - fair morning wind south, then Westerly fair warm pleasant day. hired Mr Hortons
horse & carriage for Sarah & Caroline to go to town with Ralph to drive
15 Sunday heavy fog came off fair wind calm. in afternoon some cloudy.
16 fog & cloud warm fair wind south. Ellen went to Northampton with Ralph. Mr Hortons
mowed grass. horse & carriage

1875 August 17 fog & cloud calm fair cloudy in afternoon some rain
mowed grass picked up apples, writing letter
18 some fog cloudy wind south, rained before noon. continued several hours
heavy rain. the swale north of lane covered with water, mowed grass picked up apple
19 fog & cloud fair shower at noon wind south. Mr Horton brought over some
spruce plank & laid floor in horse stable. his men fixed up fence west of highway
from meadow bars down south. Mr Lewis Bartlett brought up his mare for us to use
on trial. went with Mr Horton up to Henry Smith to get wire for fence, afterwards
went down town with Sarah, bought kerosene oil. & eggs at Mr Shipmans
& Wm shoes at Mr Blakes. sent letter to Mr P.M. Bartlett & sent Check for
75 dollars by F.P. to be deposited. Mr Horton sent over 1 bushel early potatoes
20 fog & cloud. close muggy came off fair day warm. no rain. S.P. & E West
went down town with Mr Bartletts horse. Mr ~~Bartlett~~ Belden & Marianne
came over to dinner mowed grass. picked up apples. paid for huckleberries 20 ct
21 fog & some cloud. fair warm day wind south. sent home Mr Bartletts mare by
Ralph Horton. cut down dead apricot trees south side of house, waggon harness
stolen last night mowed grass. mowed weeds north side of house. F.P. mended
parlor & washroom windows, mended small clock, also toilet looking glass.
put a fresh coating emery on razor strop
22 Sunday slight fog. thin hazy clouds fair in forenoon, clouded over & rained
about 1 oclock cloudy wind south.
23 rather cloudy partly fair quite cool wind North or N.E. went to
North Hadley in morning with Ralph. waited for Mr Russells horse to be shod
at blacksmiths, then brought him home for trial, & went down town to Mr Shipmans
bought sugar butter crackers fish & tea. Mr Hortons team carted manure to meadow
24 fair clear cool wind North or NE in afternoon warmer. Mr Matthews
called with a mare to sell. in afternoon went to Northampton. drew by Check
on Northampton Bank paid for blind fastenings for windows 30 cts. paid for
paper tacks 6 cts. paid Mr Shipman Tax Bills Estate of C.B. Phelps 1868. discount
10 per Ct leaves 17.72. Charles Phelps Tax 172.82 discount 10 per Ct 17.21 balance 154.91
154.91 & 17.72 Total amount 172.63

1875 August 25 - fair wind North quite cool, pleasant, not very warm
went with Ralph & Mr Horton's horse to take home Mr Russell's horse
Mr Matthews called again into his mare. Mrs Bullfinch went down
down with Ralph & Mr Horton's have mowed grass. Marianne came over to stay
26 - 54 deg fair bright clear cool wind North or NE. Mr Horton fixed
window blinds. painted over tin gutters on roof. made new doors
& hung the same on chaise house. paid 4 dollars for lumber & nails bought at
Northampton. Mr Horton labor 1 day. & Fred & team carting lumber.
27 - fair cool morning pleasant comfortable day mowed grass. Mr Horton
finished chaise house doors. F.P. paid him 7.00 for the whole job. clearing up
around shed paid for soft soap 2.20 - 4.00 paid for lumber & nails credited to me
28 - 56 deg - heavy fog. fair pleasant day. mowed grass. Mr Horton sent over
1 bushel potatoes. Sraking 3 bushel. wheeled wood into wood shed pumping out
water from barn well
29 - Sunday heavy fog fair warm day. wind south calm 80 deg
paid Mrs C. Daly 4 weeks wages 6.00 due this day.
30 - fair heavy dew wind Northerly rather warm day. Ralph came over for
rack waggon to use. mowed grass clearing up brush round woodshed
E.P. went to Northampton in Express.
31 - fair wind Northerly fresh breeze. quite warm day. Mr Horton & his men
came over to move stove from parlor to kitchen. fixed fence east of the house
mowed grass. wheeled wood to woodhouse.

September 1. Wednesday. fair bright Morning calm warm wind North or NE.
mowed grass. Mr Horton brought over bay mare from Agricultural College. engaged
potatoes of Mr Park & Mr Clark. hired Mr Horton's mare got Kate & carriage for
Sarah & Caroline to go down town. paid Mrs Gaylord for butter 4.15
2 - heavy fog fair warm day wind south calm. mowed grass. cut up brush. went
to North Hadley with mare from College. paid Mrs Corpins for butter 88 ct.
Mr Horton took back mare from Agricultural College
3 - fair calm bright morning. warm day wind south 84 deg. mowed grass got in wood
picked up apples trimmed out branches trees in front west yard

1875 September 4 · fog & cloud wind south warm muggy, mowed grass picked up apples sawed wood. cut up brush wood. Mr Tower brought up 1 bushel potatoes for Mr Park - payment due Mr Pack -

5 - Sunday fair fine cool morning with clouds & breeze, wind NW. last of dog days. Ralph took Sarah & Eliza West to North Hadley Church with Mr Horton's carriage.

6. Thunder shower in the night cloudy morning. calm warm wind south came off fair wind NW fine cool breeze. mowed grass. Mr J. Clark sent down 2 bushel potatoes at 50 cts — split wood wheeled in wood. Mr Horton carted from Northampton 2 loads nut coal for family

7 - fair bright morning, wind NW cool fine day. mowed grass in garden, sawed wood wheeled up wood. Mr Horton delivered 1 load nut coal. Sarah & Mrs C. Bulfinch went to town with Mr Hartons horse & carriage

8 - 50 deg - fog fair clear wind southerly, rather warmer, mowed grass. split wood, cut up potatoes & apples. Mr Hyton delivered 1 load stove coal. &c 7 bushels potatoes from Mr Park delivered by Mr Tower - 8 bushels in all

9 - fog fair rather warm wind south some breeze hazy on hills. mowed grass sawed & split wood. fed out the last of old potatoes. Mr Tower delivered 20 bushels new potatoes small size at 30 cts. Mr Horton delivered 1 load stove coal

10 - cloudy wind south began to rain before noon. wind changed to NE. cloudy afternoon. fair at night. wheeling wood to woodshed picking apples mowed grass. Mr Horton delivered 1 load stove coal

11 - 40 deg fair clear wind North & NE fresh cool breeze. white frost in Amherst & other places. sawed wood mowed grass. Mr Park sent down by Mr Spear 4 lb crackers. 2 galls molasses 2 lb coffee box of salt & cheese

12 about 40 deg - some fog - probably some white frost in other places none here Sunday fair wind Northerly thin hazy clouds. in afternoon wind NE cool chilly weather

13 - rain in night & morning cloudy wind southerly warmer. mowed grass split logs - put up south gate bought bitter of Mrs Comins. Sarah paid her 1.05

14 fair wind east light clouds cloudy wind south warmer mowed grass. split logs 70 deg. Mr Horton gathered 1 bushel to each. Mr Horton mowed grass in meadow.

1875. September 15 Wednesday fog & cloud came off fair some cloudy not very warm mowed grass split wood Mr Horton mowed grass in meadow, & got in one load to barn. paid Ralph for Mrs Bulfinch 25 cts & for birth day present 1.75. Ralph wheeled wood into woodhouse 6 loads @ night —

16. thick fog calm cloudy day very little sunshine wind south mowed grass cleared away rubbish in inner woodhouse, brought ½ bushel Mr Clarks potatoes for family, Mr Hortons team mowed in meadow & got in 1 load hay

17 - heavy rain in night wet misty morning came off wind NW fair windy & cooler mowed grass split wood repaired a part of south garden fence west end - temporary fence.

18 - 40 deg wind NW fair & calm. began blowing with clouds, cold in forenoon, in afternoon milder & pleasant. mowed grass picked up apples east of garden got in wood & split wood. brought in ½ bushel Mr Clarks potatoes for family.

19 - began to rain in night. Sunday rainy morning, & rain in forenoon cloudy in afternoon wind NE

20. fair morning cloudy in forenoon wind southerly several slight showers fair at night mowed grass. sawed wood. Mr Horton brought over 3 bushels potatoes & some pumpkins from his own lot, opened barrel flour bought of Mr Osborn

21 - fair some clouds in forenoon. wind NW cool breeze in afternoon. mowed grass in garden. north of barn & east of yard, carried 1½ bushels Mr Hortons potatoes into cellar, some pumpkins into sheephouse some in cornhouse, cutting potatoes apples. Mr Horton brought over another jag pumpkins from his lot.

22 - white frost fair still morning. wind came NW cool windy day. moved pumpkins from cornhouse to sheephouse. righting up fence in barnyard & bracing it mowed grass in garden & under appletrees. cut potatoes apples pumpkins wheeling wood Mr Horton's mend got in two loads rowen hay from meadow into barn brought in ½ bushel potatoes for family

23 - thick fog some white frost. fair pleasant wind, pleasant rather calm, getting in wood & splitting large wood carried potatoes from sheephouse to cellar. ~~Mr Hortons team mowed swale~~ mowed grass in garden & east of sheephouse Mr J Clarke delivered 6 bushels potatoes early Rose & Vermont late potatoes making 8 bushel potatoes 4.00, paid for 5 bushels oats 4.00. Mr ~~Bel~~ Horton brought from Belden lot 1 load potatoes Mr Horton brought from Belden lot 1 load potatoes

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October 7. Mr Horton finished husking corn in barn 10 baskets morning making 50 baskets put in North binn West end. Mr H. took rye from cornhouse to sow on piece south of garden. signed note for 400.$ Feb 7 1875 payable D. C. & Horton Bank note

8 - fair clear morning heavy white frost fair day wind southerly cloudy broad night rain in evening. Mr Horton men cleaned apples up oats in barn 24 bushels & put in large binn in cornhouse. in afternoon went to Northampton with Clarke hase drew 400.$ from Northampton National Bank to buy cattle. Rec'd Dividend at Bank for F. Phelps Trustee 90 deduct tax 30 dollars balance 60 $ deposited & credit C. Phelps C. Phelps Dividend 36 dollars deduct Tax 12 dollars balance 24 rec in bills Mr Horton sowed rye yesterday on piece south of garden & sowed grass seed to day harrowed in rye & brushed in grass seed.

9 - heavy frost grass frozen stiff fair clear calm afternoon cool wind pleasant in afternoon wind NW mowed grass. cut potatoes pumpkins & apples. Mr Horton men brought load potatoes & put in north binn in cellar about 22 bushels. settled Mr Kendrick account from from April 1 to October 6. six months 64.72 amount of bill. Credit by Cow beef weight 6.95 at 9.00 pr Cwt 62.55 & by Cash 2.07 making 64.72. paid to this date. paid Mrs Comins for 2 lb tt butter 88

10 - Sunday cloudy wind NE. fair raw chilly cloudy in afternoon wind southerly brought up from cellar ½ bushel potatoes for family

11 - rainy night & morning wind NE. cloudy day wind Easterly. cut up vegetables mowed grass paid Mr Marcon for ten cows small strainer. small tin pan. small funnel. 78 ct. wooden paid 35 ct 1.13.

12 - cloudy calm wind Northerly cloudy day cold raw windy wind North & NW cut vegetables. mowed grass. sowed up kindling stuff. Chester Smith came with pease

13 - 26 deg - ground frozen & ice made fair calm pleasant day wind SE chilly picking up walnuts from tree on two lot north of lane. cut up potatoes apples pumpkins, moved cabbages in sheephouse & loft overhead. F. Horton delivered 5 bush more of Compton Seedlings making 26 bushels this kind & 24 bushels Early Rose

1875. October 13 - Received letter from F Phelps, enclosing Check 349 dolls
14 - white frost & fog wind easterly. fair fine pleasant day wind SW.
cleaned out straw from ice house. shook walnut tree on lane lot in lane.
picked up nearly bushel basketful; picked up apples east of garden. moved
15 - cloudy wind NE, some sprinkling showers thro the day, carried out chaff
from barn floor, carried pumpkins from sheephouse to icehouse, cut up
pumpkins. moved grass. brought 1/2 bushel potatoes from cellar for family use
16 - cloudy lowery wind south or SE, showers in forenoon, cloudy. in afternoon brisk wind
shower in evening. went to Amherst with Ralph & Mr Horton's horse to see
Mr Kendrick about a horse. bought of Kendrick 1 piece salt pork. gave Ralph
55 ct to buy gloves. in afternoon gathered walnuts south of garden. sent over a
Check by F Horton to Old Bank to be deposited
17 - Sunday fair wind North or NW. in forenoon cold blustering wind
in afternoon mild toward night calm
18 - fair with some clouds. calm mild wind south or SW. picking up walnuts in
lane, mowed grass. cut up pumpkins. in afternoon went to Northampton with
Chester Smith to buy his horse. called at post office. brought home mail. —
19 - fair brisk wind NE. cool day pleasant. shelled walnuts. cut up pumpkins.
brought up from cellar 1/2 bushel potatoes for family use. tossing up sad corn
Chester Smith delivered his horse this morning, & received in return my note for
75 dollars payable in sixty days without interest. shook tree. picked apples east garden
20 - thin cloud calm fair. wind came round NW pleasant. cutting up vegetables
went to Mr Horton's to get Mr Ware's harness no one at home.
21 - fair morning with some cloud, mild fine pleasant day Westerly breeze. cutting
up vegetables. Shelling walnuts. finished tossing seed corn. J. Connelly carted corn
from Bilden lot to barn & some in yard. Mr Horton's men mended fence on
Bilden lot & carted load posts & rails to mend fence in meadow
22 - fog fair fine day wind south calm & quite warm Indian summer day
cut up vegetables — shelled walnuts. J. Connelly finished carting corn from
Bilden lot a part put into barn floor & part stacked up in yard —
23 fog fair calm warm day wind south hazy cloudy. cutting potatoes apples
pumpkins. Mr Horton returned with 30 cows & 6 oxen & steers —

1875 October Sunday 24 fog & cloud calm & mild. fair with clouds. slight rain
24 squall in forenoon. wind changeable pleasant — watching cattle in
meadow part of day — paid Mrs C. Daly for 4 weeks wages 6.00
due this day —
25 — thick fog & cloud calm mild. came off fair before noon, wind south
in afternoon wind NW some breeze hazy on hills. cut vegetables for
cow. spoke to Mr Kendrick about his harness. gave C.D some
money to spend for Martin —
26 — fair with clouds wind NE. raw & chilly wind SE south in
afternoon cloudy. went to mills in morning with Mr Horton
looked at Mr Kendricks buggy harness at Mr Rices shop. went
afterwards with Mr Horton to see Chester Smith about the horse
T. Connelly finished husking corn in yard & mowed away stalks
over horse stable, Fred Horton & Con assisting about 1 load stalks.
27 — thunder shower in night & considerable rain fair wind NW windy
with heavy clouds. high wind & rain squall in afternoon
went with Sarah to Margaret Keefes, then to Mr Porters Store, then to
post Office. paid Mr Shipmans account 53.48 bought butter on
New account. F. Phelps arrived. paid Mr Shipman for
memorandum book 20 cts —
28 fair wind NW some breeze pleasant in afternoon. mowing
away stalks in barn. hanging up seed corn in cornhouse
cutting up potatoes. T. Connelly husking corn in barn
29 — cloudy all day wind NE raw & chilly, mowed away stalks
Mr Hortons cows got into Bishop Huntingtons corn in meadow
paid the soap man for filling 1 jar with soap & part of another 1.34.
30 — cloudy mild wind easterly. came on to rain toward night rainy
evening. T. Connelly finished husking corn in barn 95 baskets &
1 basketful seedcorn. mowed away stalks north end burn floor
31 — Sunday — cleared off in night fair day wind NW. windy snow
blustering & snowsqualls — snowsquall in evening. ground white with

1875 - November 1. Monday fair wind NW cold raw windy day
sunny in forenoon snowsqualls in afternoon. went to Blacksmiths shop
& Rices shop both absent.
2 - 26 deg fair wind NW windy blustering day cutting vegetables
looking over family accounts with F. Phelps.
3 - 25 deg ground frozen ice formed. barn pump slightly frozen. fair
wind Northerly or NE. more pleasant, carried basket clothes to
Margaret Keefe to wash. went to mills. paid for shoeing small black horse
(E. Smiths) 2 forward shoes 50 ct. Mr Belden & Marianne came over to
attend funeral of Mr D. Smith & dined here.
4 - cloudy wind NE raw & cold. breaking away before noon, some blue sky.
milder & pleasant in afternoon. Mr Horton carried into barn about 30
stacks of corn standing west of cornhouse & husked in barn 18 baskets.
5 - 20 deg hard frost ice formed & ground frozen. assisted F. P. to put up
outer window to parlor west window. & north kitchen. cut up vegetables
wind North calm quite pleasant in afternoon. getting apples into cellar.
6 heavy white frost wind NW some breeze pleasant day - put 1 ½ barrel
apples into cellar. Mr Ashley Annibal brought a bay horse, for which I
discharged the black pony paying 10 dollds boot - went down town
with F. P. & Wm. brought home clothes from Margaret Keefes. went to Post Office
7 - Sunday heavy white frost ground frozen & ice fair mild calm pleasant
wind North cloudy at night
8 - fair & frosty ground frozen & ice formed. wind NE. put up grist provender
4 ½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed, cut up apples potatoes pumpkins &
Mr Horton used my horse to go to Northampton. Fred Horton delivered 1 load cabbages
F. P. went to Northampton by Express
9 - fair calm ground frozen wind NE. cold raw, afternoon mild pleasant
carried away barrel coal ashes. Mr Loynch delivered 1 cord beech wood price
7.00 paid him part - 5.00 - 2 on his due. carried basket clothes to Margaret Keefes
to be washed. carried 4 ½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed to lower mills, carried
2 letters to Post Office. bought of Mr Shipman 1 lb tea 4 lb crackers.

1875 November 10 cloudy wind NE raw chilly air began snowing in forenoon then changed to rain afternoon & evening snow nearly melted. assisted F.P. to fix woodhouse door, shoving & planing off top & sides. F. Horton brought over cart load turnips put into cellar. Mr Horton brought over 13 cows & put them into stables & husked corn in barn in afternoon Mrs C. Daly returned yesterday

11 cleared off in the night fair wind NW windy blustering day not freezing Ralph worked 2 or 3 hours raking up leaves, cut up vegetables, went to town bought of Mr Shipman piece of rope for halter 15 cts whiplash 10 cts ½ bushel coarse fine salt for cattle 45. 70 cts Mr Lynch's son came & sawed part of cord wood brought home from lower mill 3 bags meal —

12 - fair morning. calm fine day, wind south very pleasant & cows turned out to feed in lot around building. Mr Lynch boy finished sawing beech wood paid him 2.00 his due & 2.00 for sawing wood 4.00 in all brought home clothes from Margaret Kiefer — paid her 1.50

13 - fair calm mild very pleasant weather cloudy at night, picked up & carried together old fence rails out in lane, mended fence east side yard & garden & SW corner of garden assisted about mending window in library P.O. went to Northampton by Express, paid for 4 pair Spring hooks or snaps 20 cts. Mr Horton men husking corn in barn. cows turned out to feed in lot

14 Sunday wind easterly slight rain in night & forenoon some rain & sleet in evening paid F.P. for new coal hod 1.00

15 ground white with snow cloudy wind NE red sky cloudy day Mr Horton men husking corn in barn

16 - cloudy. more wind NE came in to rain before noon rainy afternoon cleared off in evening wind NW

17 - windy night wind NW windy blustering day. cutting vegetables, Mr Horton took away 4 cows down to his barn. brought over 2 bags or about 100 lbs bran F.P. left for Boston by Express. paid Ralph 1.00 for work raking leaves & 10 cts for whipstock —

29 day

1875. November 18 – 20 dg fair hard frost pump frozen, thick ice in trough cutting potatoes & pumpkins & cattle pleasant light wind North & NW cloudy in evening. went to Mr Rices shop locked up. paid Mr Park for 1 spool white cotton thread 7 cts lamp chimney 10 cts
19 – fair with clouds mild wind south pleasant cloudy & sunshine cloudy at night cutting potatoes & pumpkins. greasing waggon wheels went to mills saw Mr Hendrick. Received from him a second hand buggy harness oiled & repaired at Mr Rices shop for which I am to pay 6.00 paid Mr Park for 1 pint sperm oil 35 cts. for 1 brown drilling frock 75
20 – cloudy moderate wind North or Westerly nearly calm. carried away board coal ashes to path in meadow. Mr Thomas Insurance Agent called. – nailed boards inside of barn over cracks to keep out wind
21 – Sunday cloudy all day calm cleared off in evening wind NW
22 – fair clear cloudless day wind NW & rather light. cold raw air pump frozen & ground pretty hard. nailing on boards inside barn
23 – cloudy began thin fine snow in afternoon. changed to sleet & rain cold morning, 12 dg below zero wind NE.
24 – cleared off in the night fair not very cold trees all covered with ice cloudy in forenoon. Ralph milked 2 cows for me. cut vegetables & brought in pumpkins to bathing room. Ralph went on errand to Mr Shepherds brought kerosene oil crackers coffee pepper. yesterday Mrs Bulfinch arrived from Cambridge. Rec'd letter & Check from F.H. for 70.00
25 – fair fine pleasant calm wind NW Thanksgiving day. Mrs Bulfinch the only visitor Mr Belden & Marianne intended to come but prevented F.G. H. Bethia H. & Wm Huntington called before night.
26 – cloudy wind south & SE came on to rain in afternoon & evening quite mild at night cleaning out dirty water from trough. Mr Horton mowing chopping small trees in south garden fence. threshed & cleaned up field beans in barn nearly 2 bushels paid Ralph 60 cts doing errands milking
27 fair fine wind NW windy but mild pleasant in afternoon fixing plug in barn pump to let off water cut vegetables paid Ralph 25 cts for half cord pine wood Mr Horton's horse & carriage to carry Sarah & Caroline to F.G. Huntingtons

1875

November 28 Sunday fair, rather cold & frosty morning. fair & stormy in forenoon
cloudy & calm in afternoon wind Northerly began snowing in evening
29 cleared off in the night wind NW very windy & blustering. ground white
snow on western hills, cold windy day cut vegetables, fixing rope halter
yesterday paid C. Daly wages for 4 week 6.00
30 - 2 deg below 0 - fair wind NW very cold windy day, cut out ice from
trough. Mr Hortons man chopping trees about hogpen. Mr Horton
went to Northampton. sent a Check by him for 77.50 to deposit -

December 1 Wednesday fair pretty cold day. not quite so windy
Mr Hortons man chopping old cherry tree near cornhouse -
2 fair & cold wind Northerly & NW rather light but cold moderated at night
27 deg above. Ralph brought over some Buckwheat flour from T.G. Huntington
& helped about chopping ice in trough, cleaning stable, bringing in pumpkins
from icehouse, churning & carrying out milk. bringing in coal. Mrs Bulfinch
left by Express to take cars for Boston & Cambridge sent by her 10 dollars & F.P to pay
for currency received. rec'd of her 40 cts to be be charged to club account
3 - 6 deg above 0 fair calm pleasant day. wind Northerly. roads frozen hard since
Sunday. Ralph worked in forenoon & part of afternoon, cleaning out stable
cutting out ice from trough, bringing in cabbages, carrying apples into cellar
getting out coal ashes & shelling corn. bought of S.C. Parsons 1 bottle Tar
Wild Cherry & Horehound 1.00
4 - fair fine calm pleasant day. Ralph worked cleaning stable getting cabbages
bringing coal. Mr Hortons men carted wood from trees cut down about garden
hogpen & cornhouse.
5 - Sunday calm cloudy moderate wind. North & NE.
6 - cloudy wind NE nearly all day mild calm. sent down 75 dollars by
Mr Horton deposited with Mr Shipman, & received from him my note to Chesterbrook
in return. Mr Shipperley worked 1 day trimming hedge. Mr Park sent down
1 barrel flour -

1875 December 7. cloudy day wind NE. calm moderate. got in basket cabbages from sheephouse & a few pumpkins from ice house. picked up brush cleared away around ice house door. paid Ralph Horton December 6 1.50 for work & chores done last week

8 - Wednesday slight snow in night continued falling thin sprinkling damp snow enough to cover the ground. wind NE. mild & calm. doing usual chores

9 - 2 or 3 inches more snow in night mild & calm. continued thin sprinkling snow, cloudy & fog in afternoon. Paid E. Porter for renewal of Policy of Insurance on 3000 Dollars for 1 year, to expire December 11. 1876 $ 1.15 Dollars. 50 cts for Policy

10 - cleared off in night fair bright sunny breezy day wind NW cool & windy but moderate settled accounts with Mr Horton. Credit to E. Phelps 97.17 - paid balance due Mr Horton 130 Dollars. put up 4½ bushels corn rye & oats.

11 - cloudy mild calm wind south or East. cloudy & calm all day. Hired Horton carried to lower mills a grist of provender for me 4½ bushels corn rye & oats, had it ground & brought home. Received from Mr Thomas Policy of Insurance on a stock of Cows. paid him 5.40

12 - Sunday cloudy calm mild. came out fair pleasant & mild in afternoon

13 - cloudy calm mild. came off fair wind NW windy, toward night snow squall

14 - fair cold day wind NW windy got in cabbages & pumpkins paid for 5 gallons soft soap 1.00

15 - fair rather calm wind NW moderate cut up turnips potatoes carried away coal ashes, scattered ashes in path from house to barn Mr Lynch called engaged 2 or 3 loads hard dry wood.

16 - fair & calm moderate wind NW doing usual chores

17 - slight fall snow in night 1 or 2 inches fair pleasant in forenoon, snow melting on south side roofs. about noon wind blew up from NW growing colder cold & windy in evening. Mr Horton brought home 2 bed quilts for 4 dollars & 1 pair woollen blankets 3 dollars - 7 dollars for family - & 1 heavy horse blanket for my own use 2.00 paid him 1.00 commission vegetables

18 very windy night fair morning wind NW cold windy day doing chores, cut

19 - Sunday 6 deg above 0 fair cold windy day NW - 2 deg above at noon helped Ralph clean out stables. Mr Horton unwell

1875 December 20 Monday 15 deg below 0 fair sunrise clouded over
calm, still cold at night wind NE cloudy doing chores —
21 - 30 deg above cloudy morning sudden change of weather, mild & calm
snow melted & ground thawed rainbow in morning. doing chores
22 - fair mild pleasant day snow & ice melted & roads very muddy
doing chores — in afternoon went to North Hadley paid Eli Ford for
shoeing horse all round & sharpening corks. 80 cts - put hook on plaid 10
& paid him for 1 old iron shovel 62 cts in all 152
paid Mr Ware for his harness 9.00. bought of Mr Park 1 lb black tea 1
9½ lb brown sugar 100 paid him for Horehound candy 10 cts
gum drops 10 cts molasses candy 5 cts & 3 quarts cider 20 cts
brought home. paid of rubber bolt price 300 to try on afterwards exchanged
23 - fair very mild pleasant weather, muddy roads frozen a little
wind Northerly soft & mild, rather remarkable weather Mr Lynch
sent down 1 cord dry hard not first quality Marianne came round
by way of Northampton. cut up kindling wood
24 - fair spinning ground frozen wind South or SE rather hazy.
cloudy towards night snowing in evening. Marianne staid over night
returned to Whately this afternoon by Sunderland. A basket came by
Express from Cambridge, cut vegetables & doing chores. Yesterday paid
Mrs C. Daby wages for 4 weeks due next Sunday 6.00 also paid her to day
2.00 as Christmas present
25 - Christmas 1 or 2 inches snow fell in night slight rain or mist
formed a crust cloudy day calm thick foggy cleared off in evening
Ralph sawed some clapboards yesterday & to day carried away barrel coal
ashes & clinkers doing chores & some mending.
26 - Sunday fair morning red sky in east cloudy day, calm mild north
27 - rain in the night with lightning & thunder cloudy cleared off in forenoon
fair wind NW windy moderate doing chores cut vegetables cleaned stable
28 cloudy day wind Northerly 18 deg above raw & chilly. cut vegetables
paid a man for 1 bottle cough drops 25 cts & 1 roll adhesive salve 15 cts

1875

December

29 cloudy wind Northerly, raw & chilly. fair pleasant in forenoon — in afternoon & evening cloudy wind E. looking over files of newspapers doing chores, mending; ~~mending~~ horse stable

30 - cloudy day thick foggy calm mild thawing, looking over files newspapers doing chores

31 - cloudy mild foggy thawing weather, doing chores, fixed horse stable gave Ralph 150 to be paid in work

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January 1. Monday – fair morning. red sky in east, cloudy calm moderate mild. doing chores. cutting out ice in trough barn pump cutting up vegetables cleaning stables – quite cloudy at night

2 – Snowing all night wind NE. 5 or 6 inches snow fell. cleared off in forenoon wind NW windy day. about 20 deg in afternoone. shovelling paths about barn doors, doing chores, cutting vegetables, cleaning stables. Mr Pelkie brought home my rubber boot mended at Northampton. Mrs C. Daly & Martin returned from Conway – paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts –

3 – fair calm cold wind NW – began blowing again. slight snowsquall in afternoon windy in evening. attended to usual chores. Mr Horton used my horse to day & kept him at night.

4 – 3 or 4 deg above 0 fair clear & cold. wind NW intermittent, blowing by spells in night & day time. doing chores. Sarah & E. West went down town in Express carriage. paid Mr Pelkie for getting boot mended 35 cts.

5 – 6 deg below 0. fair bright clear calm, clear all day wind NW settled accounts with A. Pack & paid his bill from October 1 to January 1. 1877 50.27 – also paid him on my own account for 24 sheets cap paper 25 cts also for 1 colored cotton muffler or scarf for neck 70 cts. doing chores.

6 – 6 deg below 0, in morning, fair calm hazy wind North cloudy at night 15 deg above 0. Mr Horton carried grist cases down to mill, doing chores –

1877

January 7 Sunday storm in night. begun with snow 3 or 4 inches & ended with hail sleet & rain, quite mild & calm, cloudy misty cleared off in afternoon wind NW fresh breeze, weather moderate & pleasant

8 - fair calm rather mild hazy wind south cloudy in afternoon above freezing point all day snow, or rain squall in evening, wind came round NW, doing chores, cutting vegetables. Mr Horton went to Northampton & bought charcoal

9 - 10 deg above fair wind NW moderate winter weather, shovelled away path snow east of hogpen, carried away nearly 1 barrel coal ashes back of hogpen & on

10 about zero. calm & fair cloudy towards night & snowing in evening. carried away 1 barrel coal ashes east of hogpen. cutting out ice from trough & cutting vegetables

11 - fair with clouds calm wind SE in afternoon, cloudy at night, snowing in evening, doing chores, a young man came along to file saws. paid him for filing & setting 2 woodsaws 15 cents each. Mr Park sent 1 barrel flour & jug cider.

12 - fair cold wind North, wintry weather, cloudy at night snowing in evening wind NE doing chores, engaged 2 cords dry hard wood of Mr Lynch. last night

looked our accounts with Mr Horton. his account 260.71 for sundries C. Phelps acct 180 - balance 80.71 - this balance paid by an old note of Dea Horton for 50 dollars & 2 notes of H. Horton for 30 dollars making 80 dollars 80 dollars

1877

January 13. 3 or 4 inches snow in the night fair morning wind North or NW fair clear day not much wind. Ralph worked about 2 hours shovelling snow & carried away coal ashes, doing chores.

14 - Sunday fair wind NW windy, snow flying & filling up paths. 22 by afternoon above 0 in

15 - cloudy wind NE came on to snow, then fine sprinkling snow till night with some hail & sleet. doing chores & mending clothes. Mr Horton mended cornsheller, has more shelled corn in afternoon.

16 - Storm in the night snow hail sleet. 5 or 6 inches very solid. Cleared off in forenoon wind NW some wind shovelling snow about barn. doing chores Mr Park sent down pair cotton drawers to try on. Mr Horton team & team by Mr Park drew from mountain 1 load chesnut wood, sled length. opened barrel flour sent

17 - fair calm wind NW hazy cloudy in afternoon doing chores & mending clothes Mr Hortons team drew 2 loads soft wood from mountain to woodyard.

paid Ralph for work done last Saturday 20 cts

18 rather sharp air, fair calm windy Northerly pleasant sunny day doing chores. Mr Horton shovelled path to icehouse & began drawing ice for himself

1879

January 18 - Pat Shea called to sell some wood. Mr Lynch son called to see about wood. paid Mr Park for 1 pair drawers 75 cts.

19 - fair calm sunny day cloudy at night doing chores. arrived from Boston Mr Horton drawing ice from millpond to our icehouse. F Phelps

20 cloudy & misty night thawing slight shower, wind south. cleared off in afternoon wind NW windy in evening. Mr Horton finished filling ice house & then got out box from privy & carried down to his place -

21 - Sunday fair with some clouds wind West nearly calm middling fair day

22 about 15 deg fair calm cloudy. raw chilly wind easterly. Mr Hortons team drew 1 load from mountain to woodyard. Pat Shea delivered 1 cord dry hard wood at our woodshed, a man came with him & went to work sawing & splitting the wood. F. Phelps went to Northampton by Express. sent our my book Savings Bank also Book of National Bank to have them balanced, exchanged with F.P. 28 dollars in Fractional Currency for 33 dollars small Bills, & 15 dollars in new silver quarters & tens,

for 30 dollars making 30

1877

January 23 cloudy morning fair fine cool day wind Westerly some breeze doing chores Pat Shea delivered 1 load a cord of dry hard wood small round sticks the same man finished the first load & then sawed & split the second load also paid him at night 3.00 for sawing 2 cords

24 - 10 deg below 0 calm & cloudy till noon, then cleared off sun came out wind NW windy afternoon & evening, paid Pat Shea 12 dolls for 2 cords hard wood

25 4 deg above 0 fair wind NW windy calm toward night doing chores put up 2 bushels rye for mill

26 - 10 deg above 0 cloudy morning cloudy day wind southerly, towards night clouds breaking away. sent by Mr Pelkie to Northampton for 1 bag bran paid him 92 cts. Mr Horton sent over from his place to ours 1 bag bran paid him 79 cts, & for pamphlet 10 cts, doing chores, loaned to Mr Horton 20 dolls

27 - 20 deg fair fine pleasant day wind NW some wind, Ralph carried some coal ashes on hoss sled, over to Mr Horton, & carried 2 bushel rye to mill for pozzewonder grist ground & brought home, paid Ralph 35 cts -

28 - Sunday, 15 deg fair fine calm pleasant yesterday & to day sunny, thawing at eaves

29. cloudy all day calm moderate 30 deg in afternoon moved stove from L W chamber into my chamber & moved stove from my chamber into front chamber. cleared out ashes & soot from fireplace in my chamber

30 - fair cloudless day calm wind Westerly hazy. Copied family accounts from diary to account book F.P. went to Northampton in afternoon bought a piece rope 30 feet in length at 15 cts per lb came to 38 cts paid doing chores, snow melting & dropping from eaves

31. heavy white frost all over the trees 8 deg above 0 calm came off fair at north wind North calm Mr Lynch called in afternoon to see about wood. fixing a piece of new rope for halter in cow stable.

1877

February 1. Thursday 34 deg thawing in night, cloudy in forenoon fair in afternoon calm hazy mild. discussing the draft of Wills 48

2 - cloudy calm mild fair with clouds, thawed, fixed rope for halter 46 d

3. - cloudy fair fine calm sunny day. snow settling on ground, & melting on roofs. Blue jay seen & heard. doing chores & some mending, 46 deg

4 - Sunday fair windy NW calm & pleasant in afternoon wind North atmosphere quite clear on hills. snow settling on the ground

5 - 18 deg - fair calm wind North & NW but doubtful for a day fair but more hazy snow melting & settling away. doing chores & mending cl

6 - 18 deg - fair clear fine day wind North some hazy. Snow melting. shovelling away snow back of hog pen. to get old shingles. F.P. left to take cows to Bolton

7 - cloudy in morning fair part of day. wind NW rather cooler day picking over corn in north binn damaged & mouldy doing chores & small jobs

8 - moderate fair some wind from NW, a long spell dry weather, thawed little doing chores picked over mouldy corn in North binn. carried old shingles for chores

9 - 10 deg above fair & frosty wind North & NW. good winter weather cool & dry

10 - 6 & 8 deg above. fair. sharp frosty morning wind NW. calm. Thawed a little in sunny places Ralph got in old refuse shingles from hoppen

Mr Horton team delivered 1 load coal at woodhouse

11 - Sunday fair moderate, clear sunny day wind North & NW 30 deg in afternoon

12 - cloudy calm, sun came out in forenoon fair wind south breeze, squall wind NW windy evening. winnowing corn & rye. put up 3 bushels mixed sent to mill by Mr Horton team, ground & brought home chores

Mr Horton team delivered another load stove coal, making 2 loads, doing

13. windy night & continued blowing all day wind NW about 14 deg rose to 20 deg clear atmosphere no clouds. doing chores. Mr Horton took some corn to mill from cornhouse. took away barrel mouldy corn for pigs. received of him bills of 2 loads stove coal receipted - amount 4120 lb 15.48 drawing 4.00. paid 19.48

1877

February 14 Wednesday fair & cold, some wind in forenoon. in afternoon pleasant & calm wind NW. doing chores splitting wood sent by Ralph an old axe to blacksmiths shop to burn, out old helve

15 – fair day but rather chilly some hazy clouds wind &c. doing chores carried out coal ashes, spet on path to barn & heap back of hog pen

16 – cloudy morning calm fair with thin hazy clouds moulding clothes doing chores. rather warmer weather thawing some. Mr Hortons team sledding several loads cornstalk fodder from cowhouse to his barn &

17 – fair wind NW windy colder day doing chores. Mr Horton took several barrels mouldy corn from North barn in cowhouse

18 – Sunday fair & cold wind. clear bright windy day NW.

19 – fair wind NW not so windy, thawing a little more, doing chores, scattered coal ashes on path to barn. paid for 5 galls soft soap 100. hard soap 10 cts

20 – fair wind NW. some wind not very cold. doing chores

21 – fair wind SW & NW quite calm hazy & pleasant. Mr Belden & Marianne came ove to dinner doing chores. throwing into shed some wood button ball tree

22 – fair fine calm pleasant day rather hazy atmosphere, doing chores. made a very shot helve & fitted into old splitting axe

23 – fair wind NW moderate breeze, thin cloud & hazy atmosphere, snow in path melting & wasting away, very dry winter. no rains for long time barn well quite low. carried water from house to barn for cattle, doing chores

24 – cloudy wind easterly, began snowing & incle damp snow, held up in afternoon Mr Hortons team drawing sawed timber for picket fence & took from cowhouse several barrels damaged corn & some coal ashes

25 – Sunday cloudy wind North mild & thawing. pools water standing near shed

26 – cloudy fair with clouds wind North & NW. Ralph brought over 1 jag pickets

27 – fair morning clear bright day calm wind North. doing chores.

28 – cloudy morning fair day wind Northerly, calm raw & chilly, doing chores splitting up old shingles from hog pen for kindling wood.

1877

March 1 - Thursday 26 deg fair fine day wind NW moderate, snow melting slowly, thawing during day & freezing during night, winnowed rye & put up grist 3 bushels rye & corn mixed. Ralph assisted doing chores

2 - frozen cloudy wind easterly, came on to rain past noon, rainy afternoon & evening wind SE. pretty strong, first rain for a long time, sent to mill by Ralph 3 bushel rye & corn mixed, paid him 20 cts. grist ground & brought home

3 - cleared off in the night fair morning, water standing in yard not frozen wind NW strong breeze quite mild. doing chores. & some sewing & mending the rain & melted snow begins to raise the springs & supply the wells with water

4 - Sunday cloudy began to rain in forenoon came off fair in afternoon wind NW growing cooler, freezing in evening. Ralph brought home horse

5 - fair with some clouds pretty calm, wind Westerly, pleasant Ralph brought home my horse yesterday. Mrs Horton borrowed him to day to go to Amherst, doing chores

6 - 18 deg frozen pretty hard wind NW some breeze, rather colder to day scarcely thawed at all Marianne came from Whately by way of Northampton

7 about 30 deg fair some wind south & SW doing chores. Ralph borrowed horse this afternoon to go to Hadley

8 - about 20 deg. ground frozen cloudy day wind NE rather chilly misty in evening, slight sprinkling rain. Mr Horton had horse to Northampton

9 - rain in night & rainy day high wind SE cleared off towards night wind NW windy Sun rises 6.22, sets at 6 o'clock doing chores

10 hard frost fair wind NW windy before noon, in afternoon more calm Marianne left for Whately by Express. Ralph borrowed horse to North Hadley sent by him 10 cts to buy 1 spool cotton thread

11 - Sunday 18 deg fair ground frozen stiff & thick ice wind south & SW pleasant day in afternoon West

12 - cloudy & damp sprinkling snow began partly melted

13 snow fell in night 1 or 2 inches snowing in forenoon damp no frost wind E & N sun came out in afternoon doing chores mending clothes

1877
March 14 Wednesday cloudy day wind NE snowing in morning doing chores
15 snow fell in night 3 or 4 inches fair morning wind NW. began blowing, rather cold windy day ~~clear~~ sunshine thawed some on roofs south side, & muddy in roads doing chores. went to North Hadley with Ralph in afternoon, bought postage stamps for C. Daily. 24 cts paid Mr Park for jug cider 25 cts. for 1 bottle castor oil for boots 25 cts for 1 lb maple sugar in small cakes 20 cts for 1 gaird broom drilling 20 for 2 sticks black licorice 10 cts. Total 1.00. gave Ralph for driving 25 cts brought home 1 pair leather ~~pegged~~ boots 3.00 proposed to exchange for boots - 3.00 rubber
16 fair wind NW some windy, ~~frozen~~ pretty hard rather raw chilly day clouded up in afternoon & snowing in evening. Mr Park sent barrel flour. doing chores
17 - 2 or 3 inches snow fell in night. cloudy morning & day wind North NE cold windy, raw chilly freezing in afternoon. Mr Horton borrowed horse to N. Hadley, doing chores mending pail, fixing cane no thawing. sleigh & wheels both used
18 - Sunday. cloudy morning fair afternoon wind NW cold raw windy day
19 - 10 deg fair clear calm pretty hard freeze, wind NW some wind rather cold rainy day no thaw, doing chores Mr Hortons ~~cow~~ cow calved in stable his man took home cow & calf cloudy. paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts —

1877

March 20 ~~Tuesday~~ Thursday fair clear calm frozen hard wind NW fixing salt trough
in afternoon SW nearly calm doing chores, moved rails from herd to cat ~~stable~~
21 cloudy calm moderate cloudy thick misty foggy weather thawing slightly. York river
J. Burke worked for Mr Horton 1 day north of woodhouse sawing willow wood
Ralph took away from ~~corn~~house, 1 or 2 barrels damaged corn

22 above 30 dy cloudy day calm mild thawed some doing chores J. Burke
& son Andy worked 1 day for Mr Horton chopping sawing & splitting chesnut wood
north of woodhouse. Ralph carried away 1½ barrel coal ashes in afternoon
helped to winnow rye & put up 2 bushel rye & corn mixed. Mr Park called
gave him 1 pair new rubber boots in exchange for 1 pair new leather boots 3.00 each
gave Ralph 1 two bladed pocket knife. Mr Horton borrowed horse to Hadley

23 cloudy mild calm wind Northerly fair in afternoon. Ralph carried
2 bushels corn & rye mixed to mill for me, grist ground & brought home
worked 1 day
Mr Horton ~~came eating stone~~ from N Hadley for his cellar wall. J. Burke & son,

24 fair early morning, then clouded, wind Northerly, fair in afternoon
45 dy in afternoon more springlike weather to day, thawing
some, doing chores.

1877
March 25 - Sunday cloudy nearly all day, wind easterly or SE raw & chilly 47 deg in afternoon doing chores

26 - cloudy morning wind east & NE. before noon came on rain storm wind NE. in afternoon & evening copious rain fell doing chores. T. Burke & his boy sawed wood part of day

27 rain storm continued thro the night heavy rain. Stormy wet day & heavy showers, ice moving in river & broken up. chores & mending

28 - cloudy wind NE some slight showers & slight rain. chores & mending

29 - slight snow in early morning, ground white snow melted before night raw cold cloudy day wind NE. north & NW. chores, & mending clothes

30 fair wind NW windy, but not freezing, small red cow calved in barn said sawed wood 27 much river began rising & ice in river moving down

28 & 29 water overflowed the ~~riv~~ meadow & to day began to fall

31 - fair calm mild in afternoon cloudy, wind south calm Mr Hooker borrowed our hose to Northampton pleasant mild day for last March

1877 JE

April 1. Sunday cloudy calm mild in afternoon wind easterly a
mud drying up in some places.

2 - cloudy foggy calm mild slight rain in night wind SE cloudy
but very little rain. Received Mr Kendricks bill for 6 months
67 dollars. also Received Mr Parks Bill for 3 months, 61 dollars
& mud drying up

3 - fair clear fine April morning snow all gone hereabouts & roads & mud
Mr Horton team took away 1 sewed barrels damaged corn from
granary - & sent some good corn to mill. doing chores cloudy & night

4 partly fair day & part cloudy wind easterly mild weather chores
3 bushel potatoes, new neat-
paid Mr Parks bill for 3 months to April 1. & 59.39 bought of him

5 - cloudy mild wind NE. in afternoon some rain wet & drizzly
Mr Horton brought over from Northampton 9 bags 1800 lb of grass
feed
fortetierce cost 53 dollars. also bought for me, 80 lb wheat bran & 1.00, for cow

6 - fair cool wind NW windy with heavy clouds. cutting wood in woodhouse
paid Mr Kendricks & 67.09 paid Mr Horton for filling icehouse 13.00
in March & for cleaning out box under privy same time 2.00. also for wheat bran
100, amounting in all to 16.00

1877.
April 7 - Saturday fair bright morning fine clear day wind NW good brave
sawing fallen tree wood doing chores. Ralph borrowed horse go to Amherst
8 - Sunday fair pleasant day cool breeze NW all day S.P. & E West
went to Church N. Hadley, first time this Spring.
9 some clouds in morning fair day wind NE cool chilly T. Ford
worked 1 day Saturday raking up leaves & brush under pine trees West yard
worked to day raking leaves & carting off a number of loads to brushheap
& Ralph took several loads leaves to Mr Hastens barnyard, Ralph worked
to day assisting Ford about carting brush & leaves. Mr Hastens man
sowed fertilizer 3 or 4 bags on piece in meadow south of path. paid T Ford
paid T Ford for 2 days work 2.00 a balance of 50 ct remains his due
sent bridle to be mended at Northampton. paid Mr Pelkie for same 30 ct.
10 fair day wind North & NE windy. Ralph borrowed horse go to mill
& sawed some button wood
11 - fair fine day wind North & NW. Mr Hastens used horse afternoon to
harrow in Kidder lot doing chores
12 - fair clear calm, began blowing wind NE cold & raw.
Fast day - S.P. & E West went to Church at Old Hadley.
13 - fair clear calm wind West & SW fine pleasant. Ralph carted
6 bunch damaged corn from granary, he also carried to mill in afternoon
1 bushel corn for family & brought home sundry articles from Mr Parks
store for family. Mr Hastens team carted several loads hay from cookhouse
14 fair morning some clouds, in afternoon clearer wind SE. dry east
east winds. no frost or rain for several days, Ralph assisted to cart straw from
barn to icehouse 26 bundles. then carted some brush to heap & carted
2 barrels coal ashes to Mr Hastens. doing chores in afternoon
15 Sunday cool ice in barn tough wind North warmer & pleasant in
afternoon. S.P. & E West went Church N. Hadley with Ralph to drive
16 - fair fine day calm wind Northerly in morning mild & pleasant
in afternoon Mr Hastin sent to mill 3 or 4 bags ears corn for my cows
repaired large bucket. paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 ct doing chores —

1877

April 17 Tuesday fair slight shower rain in night pleasant mild some cloudy wind SE T. Ford worked 1 day picking up brush and trees north of barn & carried to brush heap also on turnpike & side of brook, als brush from button wood trees in east lane & back of lot south of garden Ralph assisted part of day & carried ash tub & manure fork to blacksmith, brought home cob meal for cows. paid for tub 2 hoops 2 hoops 27 cts fork 10 cts paid for 1 lb maple sugar at Parks 16 cts

18 - cloudy thicky misty wind NE raw chilly two rain T. Ford worked 1 day raking up brush & chips in bogs, raking leaves near cow house hauling up post of barnyard gate, setting new posts for clothes line cutting down & trimming out small butternut tree back of hogpen 2 days 300 now his due Ralph helped about peeling posts. cut down hedge.

19 - rainy day wind NE raw chilly, began to rain in night. Mr Horton man forking over manure under shed Ralph brought home manure fork & paid 6 cts to settle it. F.P. arrived from Boston

20 cloudy misty wind NE. rainy in afternoon rather calm. Ralph took Sarah P. down to Mr Towers to inquire about F.P. Huntington after his debt due

21 fair pleasant morning wind NW fine breeze afternoon cloudy & misty at night. looking over family accounts with F.P. in afternoon. taking down outer windows, West parlor window & North kitchen window

22 Sunday fair morning rather cloudy & dubious came off fair windy afternoon mild pleasant fine breeze, another cow calved to day afternoon

23. fair fine day wind North & NW good breeze warm about 70 deg in F.P. went to Northampton by Express, sent over Bank books of Old Bank & Savings Bank to have them balanced. whole amount of Club Expenses for 6 months, 412.54 divided into 3 shares 137.51.3 my share deduct & the balance 275.03 is due to me for cash advanced to Theoph & W.P.P. 275.03 was paid Received of F.P. balance 275.03 due me. & settles the family accounts to April 1. 1877. T. Ford worked 1 day trimming hedge 1.25 paid by P. Phelps.
paid C. Dalys wages to April 1 — 27 dollars

1877

April 23. Amount of Bank Dividends Received for April 1 - 261.70
add to it 275.02 cash repaid to me for family expenses making 536.72 drawn
from Bank by Check, of which F. Phelps brought home from Bank 300.8 in bills &
deposited 236.72 in Bank to my credit. paid Interest for 6 months on my
note to Sarah Phelps 52.50. paid T. Ford cash due to him for work 3.00 in full

24 fair bright day warm & sprinklike wind Northerly in afternoon SE. *
Mr Horton planted potatoes on hill over east in orchard & took from cellar
about 4 bushels early rose for seed, also took away took away 5 barrels ashes
to make soap, his man sawed & chopped willow wood from river bank.
sent money ~~by Peter Scott~~ 25 cts in payment for filing saw ~~handsaw~~ handsaw
F.P. mended hay rake looking over potatoes in cellar, Mr Belden & Marianne
came over to dinner & left Marianne. —

25 - fair bright mild wind Westerly some breeze. snow drifts about gone on the hills
steady breeze all day, repaired frame of old grindstone. doing chores cutting
potatoes & turnips cleaning stable. pulling out hay from hay mow. mixing
bran & corn meal paid for soft soap for family 1.00 - paid for bar hard soap 10
paid him for small bar hard soap for self 10 cts. Marianne returned to Whately by Express to Northampton

26 fair clear bright all day, wind North or NE looking over potatoes in cellar,
F.P. went to Northampton by Express. bought of Mr. French for me 1 cotton
undershirt price 38 cts. doing chores sprinkling potatoes in cellar. sweeping
out & washing & rinsing flour barrel to use for washing clothes

27 - fair fine day good breeze. hazy at night. helping to put cord into chamber
window F.P. put down piece zinc at north back door, cutting potatoes & turnips
washed clothes. Mr Samuel Tower died last night after a long sickness

28 - cloudy & hazy morning wind SE cloudy day. began sprinkling rain toward
night, making out draft of a will for F.P. to carry to Boston. looking over evening
small trunk containing Bank Certificates, Insurance Policies, Deeds & other Papers rainy

29 - Sunday rainy night, clouds breaking in morning. wind coming from NW. but
soon changed back to East or SE cloudy cool day. Mr Towers funeral attended
to day

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April 30. Monday. rain in night cloudy morning towards noon, clouds breaking away. in afternoon fair with clouds, & some sunshine wind NE cutting up potatoes & turnips the last turnips. Mr Horton sent corn up to mill taken from our cornhouse. his man sawed & chopped willow wood from river bank paid F Phelps 35 cts for cotton undershirt, also afterwards rescinded 25 cts to buy combination pencil in Boston F.P. left by Express to take cars for Boston. Mr Horton brought over 2½ bushels potatoes bought of Mr Kendricks at 1.25 per bushel.

May 1. Tuesday cloudy morning wind NE. came off fair in afternoon. wind southerly pleasant. some wind. sprouting & cutting potatoes.

2. fair day with many drifting clouds. wind Northerly or NE windy cool. sprouting potatoes in cellar. Mr Horton drove his cows to Northampton bridge sold to a man in Whately. also took over 1 old red farrow cow with broken horn & another farrow cow both belonging to me; 1 cow sold for 40 dollars, the other for 25 but she has since proved to be diseased & worthless & the money to be refunded received from Mr Horton 65 dollars & paid him out of it 53 dollars for 9 bags grass fertilizers leaving 12 dollars to me.

3 - fair windy & rather cool about 40 deg. high NW wind all day sprouting & cutting potatoes

4 - fair wind NW. not quite so cool to day. Mr Horton brought over a cow to be kept here a while, coming in soon. he took away 1 jag hay from north mow in barn. estimated 600 lbs - sprouting & cutting potatoes in cellar

5 - fair bright morning calm. wind Northerly, in afternoon changed to south. sprouting & cutting potatoes in cellar

6 - Sunday fair thin hazy cloud - in afternoon came off fair wind south 65 deg above about noon, some breeze, a dry time

7 - about 35 deg - fair. some white frost, wind Westerly or Northerly nearly calm in afternoon fair warm & calm. Mr Horton ploughing in meadow piece north path his team carting manure from barnyard to same piece, paid for loaf Graham 10 cts

8 - fair wind NE windy cool. hazy cloud, afternoon warm 64 deg sweeping barnfloor carried out hay seed to front yard. Mr Horton plowed meadow north side. his man carted manure & plowed same piece

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May 9 - fair cloudy wind North or NE. in afternoon wind SE or South - cloudy all day & chilly, a dry shell. Mr H. team harrowing in meadow north side, finished harrowing, carried into west yard some hay seed chaff

10 cloudy wind Northerly slight shower rain in night. cloudy day wind West rain scuds in afternoon, cool & sprinkling. Mr H men carting manure to put in hills corn. paid Mr Park for oatmeal 19 cts

11 - cloudy calm wind North or NE. in afternoon sunshine & clouds warmer Mr H. man carting manure to put in hills corn.

12 - fair ~~fair~~ fine warm calm wind Westerly. Mr H burning brush & floodtrash down at river bank. 4 acres corn planted in meadow north of path. in afternoon Ralph washed carriage. paid him for 2 days work & some other jobs 2.00

13 - Sunday fair very calm serene, somewhat hazy. warm summer day

14 - fair warm atmosphere rather hazy or smoky wind NW good breeze. J. Ford worked 1 day piling willow wood in woodshed. paid 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts

15 fair but very thick & smoky sun nearly obscured by thick smoke Wind West Ford worked 1 day piling wood in outer woodshed & inner woodhouse paid him 2.50 in full for 2 days

16 - some cloudy slight sprinkling rain in night & morning, fair in afternoon quite smoky, vagrants staid in barn last night with ~~[illegible]~~ hand cart & large dog 76 deg in afternoon wind south

17 - thunder shower in the night, little rain, fair bright morning clear & calm no smoke some wind from North or W J pretty warm day. Mr Kendricks men took away old yellow cow

18 - fair clear & calm warm began clouding over in afternoon heavy clouds thunder in the north calm toward night a shower rain thunder warm day looking over papers, making a book for writing journal.

19 fair bright, fresh breeze blowing up from NW fine pleasant day. fresh cool air copying journal. Mr H. took away spotted calf belonging to small red cow horns, bug also carted away 1 small jag hay from 2 mow estimated 500 lbs, began Mr Horton taking milk of

20 Sunday fair calm some cloudy. some breeze NW about 80 deg pleasant & calm

21 - cloudy morning wind North or NE fair clouds. wind changed to south cloudy, came on to rain in afternoon, Mr Horton burning brush heap in bog in evening

1877. May 22. Tuesday fog cloud mist calm some slight sprinkle in afternoon wind changed to North & NW fresh breeze cooler. carried down old carpets oil cloth & rags threw into brush heap in bogs. copied journal, mended clothes

23 - fair bright morning calm fog wind NW clear air, cool breeze copying & mended clothes. Pat Donoghan worked 1 day for Mr Horton sawing willow wood, north side woodside.

24 fair in night & morning wind southerly, wet drizzly, wind NE. cold up in afternoon cloudy. writing & copying journall all day.

25 - fair & fog calm wind easterly somewhat cloudy, rain squalls toward night cool day, copying journal. Pat Donoghan worked ½ day for Mr Horton sawing wood

26 fair & calm cool breeze wind Northerly with heavy clouds, making a rough pencil holder of a piece Zinc copying journal. cool day

27 - Sunday fair bright calm wind NE cool, heavy clouds, pleasant afternoon

28 - 64 deg. fair clear, calm fine day, wind southerly copying journal. paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts - paid Mr Park for 1 bottle black ink 5 cts

29 - fair. clear bright calm. fine day good breeze from NW. Mr Park delivered 1 barrel flour. paid him for jug cider 25 cts. copying journal.

30 - 60 deg - fair bright calm, quite warm day, with some clouds wind southerly. copying journal. looking over trunk of books & newspapers fixing halter for constable.

31 - fog fair calm. fine summer weather quite warm, above 80 deg rather hazy & smoky copying journal. Mr Horton took 4 bushel shelled corn from cornhouse to send to mill for his own use & took away from barn small jag poor hay estimated 200 lb. *

June 1. Friday fair calm hazy some clouds wind south. thick smoky atmosphere

2 - fair calm warm, hazy & smoky 88 deg in afternoon wind south. some clouds & thunder claps, but no rain here. copying journal.

3 - Sunday fair calm hazy warm. toward night cloudy breeze from south or SW

4 - cloudy & calm thin hazy clouds, wind blowing up strong west & NW with thick atmosphere. copying journal. paid for 2 loaves Graham bread 20 cts

5 - fair warm hazy calm dry, afternoon calm cloudy. copying journal. Mr Lyman called toward night with a load cave troughs to sell wooden cave trough

1877. June 6, Wednesday rain in the night cloudy morning calm
cloudy in forenoon & lowery, about 1 or 2 o'clock a sudden shower
came with heavy thunder & rain & continued nearly all the afternoon
~~with~~ with frequent thunder, another heavy shower just at night, writing
copying journal, Mr Horatio Hurd died by a stroke lightening this afternoon
being at work in his lot on sandy hill. several other persons stunned by the same

7 - cloudy in forenoon - some thunder & rain in afternoon cloudy, lowery all day
paid Mr Park for 1/4 th lemon candy, & 2 lemons. 13 cts. copied journal afternoon

8 - cloudy calm sun came out fair in forenoon with clouds. about same in
no particular work done to day. — some writing & reading.

9 - cloudy calm. cloudy sky with occasional sunshine wind SE
A. D. Phelps. arrived from Boston

10 - Sunday cloudy wind south. breeze in afternoon. 2 o'clock, heavy shower
wind came round NW. cleared off. A.D.P. & S.P. went to Whately

11 - fair calm, not very clear atmosphere wind SE. fair sometimes cloudy.
in forenoon went to Northampton with A.D.P. carried Check to Bank.
Received ~~125~~ 104.25 in bills. carried over will & signed it in presence
of Mr Childs. Mr French & Mr Bridgman as witnesses. by request.

12 - foggy morning calm & fair, afterwards cloudy & calm wind south or SE.
A.D.P. & W.P.P. went to Northampton. took over clock to be repaired
sent by A.D.P. 200 dollars to deposit in Savings Bank. sent by him for pencil 10 cts

13 cloudy calm came off fair warm almost 80 deg. wind SW. & breeze
paid for soft soap for family 1.00 — paid Arthur 1.00 my share of ~~expense~~
expense for horse & buggy. A. D. P. & W.P.P. left here at twelve o'clock in
Mr Pelkie buggy to take cars at Northampton for Boston

14 - fair moderate breeze wind SW some clouds, about 1 o'clock a sudden
shower came up with thunder & hail cloudy warm muggy. — this afternoon
a hurricane blew down the wood work of Northampton Bridge & likewise
the Rail ~~Road~~ bridge same time

15 fair fine warm wind SW went over to Mr Hortons in afternoon
got some old shingles into woodshed for kindling

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June 16 Saturday rainy night & morning wind South, warm & cleared off in forenoon fair cloudy afternoon wind south & SW sprinkling shower at night Mr Horton came over to repair lightning rod house. paid him for this, & also for his men shaking carpet 1.50

17 Sunday fair, bright cool fresh breeze wind NW fine cool clear atmosphere

18 fair clear bright calm pleasant day, sprouted potatoes, split up old shingles

19 – cloudy morning came on to rain, with some thunder, slight shower, then came off fair, wind south, warm muggy with clouds, in afternoon wind came round to NW, fresh cool breeze, sprouted potatoes in cellar.

20 – fair bright clear calm, wind North & NW some breeze, sprouting potatoes

21 fair calm cloudy wind SE cool, rather fairer in afternoon, strong south wind quite cloudy towards night, rainy evening. Mrs C. Bulfinch Ellen B. & W.P.P. arrived from Cambridge & Boston

22 – fair cool & fresh breeze wind NW, strong & cool with clouds, mending clothes

23. fair calm, wind rising fine cool breezy day. Mrs Bulfinch & Ellen B. went to Northampton by Express, mending clothes, copied journal Mr Horton got in 1 load hay from river bank, 1 load from lot south of garden

24 – Sunday 24 – fair slight breeze, bright sunny day wind NW.

25 – fair & calm wind W fair with clouds, fair & sunny in afternoon. Mr Horton mowed in lot south of garden, mowed east of garden & north of barn & on tan lot. got in 1 barn 1 load hay. Marianne & Mrs J. Belden came over to visit Marianne remained till Saturday

26 – fair with thin clouds wind North, heavy clouds & wind North or NW cloudy day Mrs Bulfinch & Ellen went to Amherst with Ralph

27 – cloudy cool day wind NE. cleared off at night pleasant, hay spread on tan lot, not good hay weather, damp & cloudy

28 – fair calm, hazy cloudy. 4 o'clock in afternoon a heavy shower rain began, continued till night, Mr Horton got in 1 load hay to coachhouse, 1 load side hay from tan lot & bogs south of lane. Ellen Bulfinch carried C. Daly down to town to see Dr Bonney. Received from Mike Gavin 3.42 my dividend on his Estate Insolvent – original debt 12.24. signed writing of discharge with other creditors

1877. June 29 Friday fair with clouds wind south & load hay went to Mr Horton
30 — thunder shower came on ½ o'clock morning, smart rain, came off fair
good breeze wind West & SW — copied journal. Marianne went to
Northampton by Express to return to Whately, gave her 1.00 for large
picture of Lake Como in Italy

July 1. Sunday thunder shower early morning wind south & SE. came off fair
wind southerly fresh breeze, another heavy thunder shower came over just at night
continued all the evening, pretty warm day, about 80 deg —
2 fair bright morning. wind rising Westerly & NW strong breeze & heavy clouds
cool day 67 deg. Paid Mr Parks account for 3 months, 55.66.
3 cloudy & calm, came off fair, wind south & SW clouding over at night
Mrs E. Bullfinch & Sarah P. went on to Amherst. Mr Kendrick ~~went~~ brought
over 1 bushel old potatoes —
4 shower rain early morning. cloudy fair in afternoon calm & fine
Independence day celebrated very quietly in these parts. no firing guns nor ringing bells
5 fair calm heavy 78 deg at 10 o'clock. rather warm heavy & calm cloudy at
night & thunder shower. paid for loaf Graham bread 10 cts —
Mrs Maria Bleything arrived from New York.
6 — cloudy & calm. came out fair till afternoon, towards night cloudy
wind North & NE. slight shower rain with thunder, cleared away
7 — fair clear moderate breeze fine day, wind North & NE. C.B. & S.B. went to town
8 — Sunday cloudy dead calm fair with clouds wind southerly & SW
9 — fair with clouds, calm cloudy in afternoon, heavy shower with thunder
wind south — paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts
10 — cloudy foggy calm, in forenoon, heavy shower with thunder fair 78 deg
11 fair & calm in morning, cloudy till night. little wind. Mr Horton carted
2 loads hay to barn from piece south of path in meadow. Mrs E. Bullfinch
Ellen B. & Mrs Maria B. rode to N. Hadley. fixing hat band
12 — fair clear. fine day, not very warm. Mr Horton mowed in
meadow piece south side path, carted into barn 2 or 3 loads hay
Sarah J. Ellen Bullfinch & Mrs Maria B. went to Northampton to attend
Trial of Burglar off Northampton Bank —

1877. July 13 - Friday fair calm summer morning some clouds wind West
mending clothes & putting on a darke ~~clou~~ color to walking stick
Mrs C. Bulfinch & Sarah P. went to Amherst with Ralph
14 - fair wind Westerly slight breeze cool wind NW fresh breeze
fine day. Ellen Bulfinch hired a horse & buggy of Mr Pelkie &
rode to Sunderland & recend North side Mt Toby accompanied by
Mrs Maria Bleything Anna Huntington & James Huntington
Mrs C. Bulfinch & E. West rode to Old Hadley

15 - Sunday fair calm clear
16 - foggy & cloudy in forenoon. fair calm & warm in afternoon
paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts -
17 cloud & fog calm warm till afternoon. came onto rain with thunder (wind south
18 foggy morning cleared off fair warm wind SW some breeze warm & calm
Mr Horton mowed south side house yard & garden - paid for soft soap
for family 90 cts. Mr Horton sent over 1/2 bushel new potatoes - party of 4
persons went over to Whately with Ralph paid him 25 cts Dr Bleything arrived
19 cloudy warm muggy wind south. rain in forenoon smart shower cloudy
partly fair in afternoon Dr B. & Mrs B. returned to New York.
20 cloudy & calm - in afternoon fair warm wind south some breeze
21 cloudy calm warm muggy close heavy air cleared away before noon fair
Mr Horton mowed grass north of barn. in afternoon got in 1 load hay north
of barn & part of load hay from south yard & garden washing clothes
22 Sunday fair bright morning calm fair warm sunny day
23 - cloudy morning came off fair calm day. moderately warm
Mr Horton mowed piece in hollow west of road & piece north of barn
east side & got into barn 1 load hay Ralph brought over 1 peck new potatoes
Saturday & 1/2 bushel new potatoes to day. sprouting old potatoes in cellar -
24 - fair calm serene warm summer day sprouting potatoes in cellar
Mr Horton mowed grass north of barn, carted hay into barn 1 load or more
25 fair bright calm breeze from NW in forenoon quite warm day. carried
out brush from woodshed to brush heap in bogs also some chips & rubbish
Mr Horton mowed grass in meadow on interval & got into barn 2 or 3 loads

1877 July 26 Thursday fair warm & calm some morning clouds warm sunny day, wind south or West collected some rubbish to burn up, & threw on to brush heap some old clothes shoes & baskets & set on fire
Mr Horton finished mowing in meadow & got in 2 loads Hay
27 cloudy calm wind easterly cloudy all day wind NE looking rainy. Mr Belden & Marianne came over to dinner. Mr Horton cutting oats in hollow west of road & piece in Belen lot —
28 cloudy lowery calm, rain in forenoon. cloudy calm remainder of day
29 - Sunday cloudy calm warm, some mist or fog came off fair with thin clouds rather warm & muggy calm — no rain —
30 in morning smart shower rain before 6 o'clock - cloudy lowery showery day warm & muggy
paid Mr Newton, Tax on C. P. Phelps Estate 17.55. paid for 1 loaf bread 10 cts
31 - fair clear morning wind north or NE. with many clouds. cool breeze. fair in afternoon 80 deg. pleasant weather.

August 1 Wednesday. fair with clouds wind Easterly changeable fair then cloudy alternate. sun rises 4.53 - sets 7.19 - length of day 14.26. decrease 0.50 fair & pleasant at sunset, mended boot. Mr Horton working among oats in hollow
2 - fair bright morning wind south or east many clouds 79 deg
Mr Horton carted oats into barn from hollow
3 cloudy fair wind Northerly or NE. 72 deg fair & pleasant about 80 deg.
Mrs C. Bulfinch & Sarah P. left by Express to take cars for Boston
4 fair clear strong breeze blowing NW. Ralph went to mill carried up some mountain corn from cornhouse. sent by him to Mr C Lamson for my plan of woodlot on
5 - Sunday fair fine clear morning. Strong wind blew up quite cool some clouds NW about noon slight shower with thunder. afternoon fair & calm.
6 - fair with clouds fresh breeze NW cool pleasant. Ralph carried home 2 pails old potatoes. Mr Horton with machine & George with scythe, mowed all north yard. grass weeds & bushes — fair at night —

1877 August 7 Tuesday cloudy morning calm. slight shower rain in night or morning, fair warm day hazy clouds. wind E. 80 deg – Throwing into heaps elder bushes near smokehouse. cleaning out waggon shed. placing waggons. picking up wood ~~chips~~ in cellar woodhouse & cleaning up shed brought some old shingles to woodshed

8 fair with some fog, quite warm day calm wind southerly 84 deg forenoon night. Mr Horton carted home 1 load hay from north yard & highway. Mr Horton sent me 2 bushels potatoes & put into cellar Mr Hortons man took down picket fence south side garden. Ralph washed carriage, to be paid

9 cloudy wind south or south E. came on to rain about noon with thunder Ralph carted some old posts from fence south side of garden to woodyard more rain at night

10 – fair with morning clouds sun came out warm in afternoon a shower with thunder about 80 deg, bought some butter of Mr Shepman Mr Horton marked out a new line for fence south side garden, about 8 feet south his men began digging postholes. paid Mr Cook for 1 jug old cider 25 cts

11 – foggy morning & cool came out fair & warm. 80 deg at noon, wind south, Mr Horton men set new posts for fence south side of garden – south

12 – Sunday fair bright morning calm & nice warm 80 deg wind North then

13 – fair some clouds, sun came out fair & warm, wind south, about 80 deg cloudy towards night. Mr Horton nailed on top rails on fence garden south fence

14 cloudy calm warm sun shone out warm & sultry wind south cloudy at night, closing up gate way to east yard

15 – cloudy morning, heavy close air muggy came into rain in forenoon wind south, more rain in afternoon

16 rainy night, fair morning with heavy clouds, in forenoon heavy shower came on with thunder afternoon fair warm 79 deg wind south

17 cloudy morning calm warm sun came out fair warm wind south a slight shower at night. went to Northampton with Ralph. went to Bank drew by Check 100. & sold to Mr Bridgman 19 lbs old newspapers at 1½ cents per came to 24 cts paid Ralph 25 cts – paid fareage both ways 42 cts

paid Mr F Newton part of my Tax 40 dollars

1877 August 18. Saturday cloudy morning came off fair with some clouds. Slight sprinkle shower some thunder fair wind Northerly

19 Sunday fog & cloud calm fair warm fair day some thunder toward night.

20 fog fair & warm wind Westerly some breeze pumped trough full water at barn brought into woodshed & split up quantity old shingles for kindling — Mr Horton got in 2 loads foreign hay from meadow put into barn Sarah P. & Mrs C. C. Bullfinch returned from Boston —

21 fair with thin clouds warm sun, wind N W & North, straeighten out old rusty nails taken out from old picket fence

22 fog fair warm day 84 deg wind south Mrs C. Daly & her 2 children left by Express to take cars for Holyoke & Hopkinton. Mrs C. Bullfinch & Sarah P. carried some clothes over to Mrs Brakenridge to be washed took horse home to Mr Horton — hammer handle put in by him & sent home pumped water at barn — put iron hoop onto bucket

23 heavy fog, sun came out warm & calm, moved old barrel heads & rubbish in washroom chamber, in search of sheet lead some old pieces

24 fair with clouds calm warm day — 84 deg wind south fixing barn pump handle, paid for 5 gallons soap for family 90 cts — Mr Horton hired Pat to cut down bushes along the ditch North of barn Marianne returned home paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts

25 rain shower early in morning cloudy forenoon calm warm, sun came out in forenoon, cloudy afternoon, with some slight showers & thunder cloudy

26 Sunday cloudy & heavy fog calm muggy came off fair warm fine —

27 cloudy calm warm clouds cut fair still warm day close taken sick in forenoon, nausea &c taking powders

28 fog & cloud fair & calm sent for Dr Bonney paid Pilkie 10 cts. began

29 weather about the same sent again for the Doctor, came & left powders a shower rain & thunder towards night, another shower rain with thunder late in evening. took milk punch & more powders powders

30 fair & clear calm very little wind clouds move from N W cooler — shaved & washed — felt rather better to day

31 fair with fog calm clear warm day Dr Bonney called at night —

1877 September 1 Saturday cloudy warm muggy weather Sprinkling shower
in afternoon cloudy wind south Ellen arrived from Boston
paid Dr Bonneys bill, 3 visits & medicine 4.50
2 Sunday fair with thin clouds, cool calm. wind Northerly fine clear cool
sun rises 5.26 — sun sets 6.32 — days decrease 2.10
3 fair with clouds wind North cool. change of weather brisk NW wind
4 fair with clouds wind NW 54 deg cool breeze many clouds pleasant
in afternoon — accident to Dora Horton severely burned by docks catching
fire — paid C.P.R. for 1 bad pencil & rubber 10 cts
5 — heavy fog fair pleasant calm warmer. partly cloudy in afternoon
paid 6 cents for lemons bought at Mr Shipmans Mr Horton men mowing
rowen in swale out east & cutting corn in meadow
6 fair & some hazy, wind Northerly fresh breeze cloudy day wind NE
Mr Horton men mowing rowen in swale out east of garden & carted
a load rowen into cowhouse. Hopkinton
7 cloudy cool wind easterly all day Mrs C. Daly & Martin returned from
8 fair wind NNE quite cool some wind rather cloudy day not windy NNE
9 — Sunday, fair cool wind Northerly windy in forenoon in afternoon pleasant
10 some fog fair calm very pleasant warmer nearly calm — Mr Horton men
cutting corn in meadow north side & mowing grass in swale E. of garden
11 — cloudy calm fair warm fine pleasant wind south wheeling in small wood
& 1 load shingles Mr Horton men finished cutting up corn in meadow north side
12 — fog & cloud fair warm day wind south 80 deg in afternoon getting in
some wood & shingles Mr Horton men carting rowen from garden & lot south of
13 — fair calm warm 82 deg wind south, Marionne came from Westerly
14 — fair some fog. came off fair warm calm, wind North, changed to South
15 — cloud & some fog calm fair warm sunny day wind south in afternoon
fresh breeze. Marianne returned to Westerly by the ferry at Hatfield
Mr Horton mowed rowen on meadow flat south side. sun rise 5.40 —
sun set 6.10 days decrease 2.46
16 — Sunday morning cloud & fog 79 deg calm, warm fair wind south
light breeze thunder & sprinkle rain

1877 – September 17 Monday 68 deg cloud & fog calm warm
came off fair in afternoon brisk south wind with clouds
Pat looking on ditch for Mr Horton his team working in meadow
mowing rowen. Mrs C P Bullfinch Ellen B. & Sarah P. went to Rothampton
18 rain in the night fair morning calm cool, wind blowing
from NW fresh breeze. W Marsh plastering & whitewashing kitchen
& parlor
19 – 43 deg cloud & fog cloudy came off fair before noon, warm
& pleasant in afternoon Mr Hortons barn started rowen from meadow to barn
20 about 46 deg in morning cloud & dense fog came off fair. Calm
fine pleasant pumped water at barn, got in old shingles to woodshed
Ellen Bullfinch left by Express to take cars for NYork. gave Ellen B for
copy of C.P.B portrait & other favors 2.00
21 – 46 deg dense fog calm cloudy in forenoon fair in afternoon wind
North windy cool, went over to Mr Hortons to see Ralph. day
22 – 39 deg 6 o'clock fair bright calm pond NW cool clear bright windy
slight frost in some low grounds – piano taken back to Northampton by T. Ford
George & Ralph delivered in cellar 1 waggon load potatoes. dug on hill 11 bushels
23 – Sunday 36 deg fair some fog – calm came off fair warm wind
south – gave Ralph for his birth day September 14 – 2.00
24 – dense fog. sun came out fair & pleasant, calm fine day wind south –
filing & smoothing walking stick & varnishing with mucelage, cracking old walnuts
mending old pants – paid C. Daly 1.00 to buy medicine for Martin – Mrs C.P. Bullfinch
left by Express to take cars for Boston. a waggon load potatoes dug on hill, over east
by T. Ford & put into cellar by him 14 bushels.
25 dense fog calm. came off fair & warm wind south. loaned 9 sacks to George
to carry away onions. cleared out shingles from old hog pen Pat worked for
Mr Horton clearing out ditch north of lane
26 – thin cloud & slight fog fair & warm day, some hazy wind south 82 deg. afternoon
paid for soft soap for family 64 cts. hanging & securing door near old hog pen
27 – cloud & thick fog – came off fair wind NE. fresh & cool, afternoon calm
warm quite hazy, wind North or East writing & reading. carried out refuse
potatoes & hogs – cleaned out barn
28 cloudy calm began to rain wind easterly, drizzling rain in forenoon. cloudy afternoon

1877 September 29. Saturday cloudy wind North & NE windy. cleared off fair sunny calm pleasant — wheeling in wood
30 Sunday fair calm bright pleasant clear cloudless serene day

October 1. Monday fair bright clear calm pleasant weather wind south getting in small wood to woodhouse. sun rises 5.57 sets 5.41 days decrease 3.35
2 — fog & cloud calm mild 67 deg — fair fine day. mending fence on street north of barn
3 — fog & cloud calm mild came off fair about noon. fine & pleasant afternoon 72 deg wind South some breeze. wheeling wood into woodshed. paid Mr Ford bill for 3 months & settled account to October 1 — 70.89 — paid Mr Sack for hatchet bought at Northampton 35 cts —
4 — cloudy came on to rain in forenoon moderate, & some rain in afternoon & evening wind NE grinding hatchet
5 — heavy rain in night & high wind cleared off fair morning windy N & NW roads muddy windy day 56 deg towards night grinding hatchet. clearing out pig from cellar Received Mr Kendricks bill
6 — frost calm fair calm wind NW fresh & cool 38 deg Morn. afternoon quite pleasant grinding hatchet. wheeling in wood to woodhouse.
7 — Sunday 34 deg, dense fog & frost came off fair pleasant. wind North & NE calm
8 — 36 deg. some fog & thin cloud hazy cloudy wind NE chilly cloudy in afternoon raking out small wood & throwing into woodhouse
9 — rain in night cloudy windy morning wind east & SE steady rain continued till afternoon cleared off in evening settled accounts with Mr Kendricks & paid him 52 dollars to Oct. 9 — 1 Cow sold to him for 30 dollars, keeping 1.5
10 — fair with fog calm fair & pleasant wind NW 62 deg l. clearing out north cow crib & large grain bin. sweeping out cornhouse floor
11 — rain in night & early morning wind south mild cloudy came out fair Mr Horton threshed oats with machine
12 — fair with clouds wind Westerly cool. Mr Horton finished threshing oats & more rectified a mistake in Mr Kendricks account & paid him 2.00 to balance Mr Kendricks bill 85.56 — cow 30 dollars. keeping 2 weeks 1.56 making 31.56
85.56 bill — cow 31.56 — balance 4.00 paid him 54.00

1877 — October 13.

Saturday fair with thin cloud or hazy, fair fine bright clear day cool wind northerly Splitting wood & old stuff in woodhouse. F.P. arrived from Boston

14 — Sunday foggy cloudy till noon — afternoon fair calm pleasant

15 — fog & cloud fair in afternoon calm pleasant. assisted F.P. about fixing stove in parlor. paid for 1 loaf rye bread 15 cts. Patrick worked 1 day for Mr Horton splitting bottom wood & throwing into woodhouse

16 — fair with clouds mild. cleared off wind NW windy afternoon, assisted F.P about putting up outside windows parlor & kitchen. fixing standard bar with barn doors. cleaning out old grain bins in cowhouse, & north corn crib sweeping

17 — fair white frost clear wind North or NE some breeze in afternoon pleasant calm mild. got in wood to woodshed. Mr. Belden & Marianne came over to dinner

18 — fair with clouds calm pleasant wind Northerly clear. Ralph wheeled into woodhouse remainder of wood & logs. looking over club accounts of family expenses with F.P. — Received Statement of Dividends of Boston Banks for October 260 dollars.

19 — cloudy calm mild fairer in afternoon cloudy in evening some wind North or NE sprinkle rain. piling up old fence posts & rolling up to woodhouse chestnut logs. F.P. went to Northampton by Express drew from Bank & brought home to me 145 dollars part of my Dividend. — paid Mrs C. Daly wages due to her to October 1 — 39 dollars —

20 — rain in the night. roads quite wet. steady rain continued in forenoon slacked up in afternoon. cloudy towards night, wind NE chilly raw wind NE

21 Sunday cloudy calm, more rain in forenoon continued in afternoon & eve

22 — storm continues rainy night strong wind NE misty rainy raw chilly 10 cts. in afternoon cloudy cleared off toward night paid for 1 loaf Graham bread

23 — fair bright clear morning, heavy white frost & ice in trough. fine pleasant day, wind south, writing journal. went over to Mr Horton with F.P. saw Mr Mason

24 — fair fine pleasant mild wind south or SW. cloudy towards night F.P. went to Northampton by Express, drew money from Bank & paid balance due to me 159.80 in full settlement of club accounts.

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October 24 paid Mr Horton his account for milk & potatoes to October 18. 25
sent money by Mr Horton, & paid balance due on my Hadley
town tax to F.L. Newton 49.76. Mr Horton men picking off corn in meadow
25 - cloudy calm mild, rained some in forenoon wind easterly, cloudy in
afternoon clouds breaking sun came out mild calm cloudy —
Mr Hortons men picked corn in meadow & carted corn into cornhouse &
carted cornstalks into barn. F.P. uncovered & examined house drain north side of house
26 - cloudy wind NE. raw chilly, slight sprinkling rain in forenoon. cloudy
misty day, about 40 deg - calm. Mr Hortons man & team cleared out
drain & reservoir to house sink, about 21 feet from house north & south
27 feet from West corner of house east & west
27 - cloudy calm wind easterly cloudy some wind. rather raw & chilly
dug up grass around 2 pear trees in garden & put round wood ashes
brought into house to burn cobs & old shingles, cones & butternuts
28 - Sunday, white frost & ice skimmed over fair calm wind easterly pleasant
29 - cloudy misty wind SE. some wind came out fair. pleasant warm,
62 deg wind south or SE. took powders T. Ford worked 1 day splitting
willow wood & button wood logs in woodhouse. Mr Hortons men
husking corn in cornhouse, carting corn from meadow into barnfloor
30 - fair fine pleasant day wind NW fresh breeze cooler. T Ford worked
sawing & splitting wood wheeling out coal ashes husking corn.
Mr Hortons men carting corn from meadow into barn. paid Ford
for 2 days work 2.00 — paid George for chesnuts 15 cts —
31 fair calm, white frost, clouded over, wind east or NE in afternoon
began to rain, wet rainy afternoon, cleared off in evening went to Northampton
with F.P. in express. went to Sewings Bank carried Humphreys McCarty
book to be settled & balanced. paid Mr Fowle for 1 pair spectacles 100
paid Mr Pelkie Express fare to Northampton & back 50 cts —

1877 November 1. Thursday white frost fair, wind NW, nearly calm piling wood, & clearing passage way thro woodhouse. copying journal Mr Hortons men husking corn in cornhouse

2 cloudy came on to rain wind SE. continued all day heavy rain & high wind stormy day. copying journal Mr Horton returned from Berkshire brought home a drove of cows for winter keeping — corn in barn

3 fair wind NW windy many heavy clouds. Mr Hortons men husking

4 - Sunday fair fine day wind NW windy in forenoon, in afternoon nearly calm

5 - white frost 30 deg cloudy calm cloudy all day sprinkling shower at night wind southerly. Mr Horton sent off 1 load husks to Hatfield, heavy rains eve in evening wind SE. — F.P. left by Express to take cars for Boston

6 - heavy rain last evening, cleared off in the night, fair morning wind NW windy with clouds. Henry Smiths teamster, Clancey delivered 1 cord wood yesterday hard & soft mixed, & another cord same to day making 2 cord, paid him 10 dollars for 2 cords. T. Ford worked 1 day sawing wood 1.50

7 - fair & calm cool, ground some frozen fine pleasant day not windy southerly. T. Ford worked 1 day sawing & splitting wood.

8 white frost cloudy fair cloudy chilly wind ~~wind~~ southerly began to rain & blow in evening strong south wind. T. Ford finished sawing & splitting 2 cords wood hard & soft mixed & worked ½ day cutting up old clapboards & pine boards for kindling wood. due to him 3.50

9 - rainy night high south wind cloudy wind southerly cleared off near noon quite warm & pleasant. window in space way damaged by high wind, put it up & fastened it copying journal mended clothes wind Westerly in afternoon

10 - cloudy. strong North & NE wind raw & chilly cloudy day reading writing & mending

11 - Sunday cloudy wind NE raw chilly sun came out about noon pleasant in afternoon. clear sky calm & clear at night.

12 fair calm white frost ice ¼ inch thick wind westerly windy in afternoon & wind squall clouds toward night - paid Mr Smith Mr Henry Smiths teamster 5.00 for 1 cord hard & soft wood mixed. paid Mr Park for 2 gallons new cider 50 cts salted cows, staking up picket fence west of piazza. pumped water at barn. let out cows

1877. November 13 Tuesday fair wind North or NW nearly calm some frost & ice pleasant afternoon some breeze bright sunny cleaning out parlor stove cleaning out horse stable carried off into bogs 1/2 barrel coal ashes fastening on snap to new rope for halter pumped water 14 fair then reddish cloud calm white frost wind SE fair pleasant mild in afternoon getting out coal ashes sent back waggon to Ralph to get swill took home 1/2 barrel swill Josiah P went to Hadley
15 fair fog calm mild very pleasant day wind South or SE cloudy in evening very mild weather Mr Horton sent off 1 horse load husks to Hatfield carried out ashes to bogs went to mills in forenoon paid Mr Park for cattle salt 1 peck 20 cts also paid him for 15 feet rope for halters 19 cts
gave Mrs C. Daley for Martin 50 cts —
November 16. slight rain in night & morning wind south warm cloudy clearing off sun came out warm before noon. T. Ford worked 1 day sawing & splitting wood hard & soft mixed paid him for 1 cord 1.50 & 3.50 before due total 5.00 Mr Horton sent off another load of husks by Mike Garvin to Hatfield. fixed halter.
17 white frost fair calm pleasant morning fine day little wind mild Mrs C. Daley & Martin left our house to go & live at Amherst. carried over by Ralph Horton cleaned out parlor stove, carried away coal ashes paid C. Daley wages for 7 weeks to November 19 — 10.50
18 Sunday thunder shower in night about 3 oclock cloudy misty morn cleared off in forenoon wind NW windy blustering in afternoon, snow squall
19 windy night cold morning rather hard frost rough windy day NW Mrs Brakenridge worked 1/2 day washing. hung out clothes line. fixing fire east side yard carried out coal ashes taking care of fires & stoves T. Ford brought home wood saw. due him 20 cts
20 fair hard frost ground frozen calm wind NE rather cold air pleasant in afternoon Mr Horton sent off another load husks by Mike Garvin to Hatfield Esther returned from Easthampton. Ralph raked up leaves in front yard to his barn yard
21 cloudy calm cold hard frost wind easterly fair in afternoon Mr Hortons team plowing town lot sweeping out corn house picking up rails garden

1877

November 22 Thursday cloudy & calm hard frost wind easterly partly fair in afternoon Mr Hortons team plowing tan lot — cloudy

23 - fair calm with hazy clouds mild wind SE fair day rather Mr Hortons team brought over 1 load coal supposed to be nut coal

24 cloudy mild wind SE rather ~~old~~ chilly. Mr Hortons team brought over another load coal same sort fixing fence in barn yard & took back 3

Mr Horton returned with some more cows brought over to our barn 2 cows

25 Sunday began to rain early morning wind NE rainy day, mild storm

26 - cloudy morning wind easterly, mild cloudy day, shower rain at night

27 cloudy mild wind easterly or south partly fair in afternoon. Ralph helped carried some bags corn to mill for our cows & cleaning out old straw from icehouse — sent by him & bought of Mr Park hoarhound candy & lemon candy paid him 20 cts Mrs Horton & Sarah went out to Amherst with our horse & baggy paid Ralph for making fires 10 mornings 1.00

28 - cloudy came off fair fine pleasant day wind south or SW a little cooler breeze cleaning husks from stable in sheephouse salted cows helped Ralph to clear out straw from icehouse Ralph helped to shell corn put up 1 bushel corn 1 bushel rye & 1 bushel oats & sent to mill to be ground for provender

29 - cloudy wet morning calm mild about the same all day, some sprinkling showers wind southerly or easterly Thanksgiving day no company

30 - Friday flowing snow in the night ground fair & morning frost & ice wind NW. some wind growing colder in afternoon snow squalls on hills Mr Hortons men digging post holes & new fence on east side of garden in afternoon sett the posts Mr Horton bought a bag of Charcoal for us cost 40 cts cleaning out husks in horse stable moving straw & bedding

1877

December 1 Saturday fair ground frozen ice formed ¼ inch thick wind NW not windy pleasant day for winter paid Mr Horton for 1 bag chacoal 40 cts. Mr Horton team carting button ball wood from trees in lane in swale east & then ploughing piece south of garden

2 Sunday 14 deg above 0 fair clear cold wind NE little wind, sharp frosty air clear & nearly calm all day School

3 fair clear & frosty ground frozen thick ice. Ralph had our horse to go to — fire out in both stoves Ralph came over two mornings. Geo shifted coal & shovelled the stove coal from south bunn over into north bunn.

4 fair calm some frost at ten o clock 26 deg above pleasant.

T. Ford worked 1 day sawing wood from button wood trees in lane Mr Horton moved all rubbish out from wood & built a manger a hole length to feed out corn fodder, in afternoon Mr Horton took up barn pump to examine it does but the valves appeared to be in good order & no sufficient cause of leakage leakage ascertained paid Ford for getting saw filed 20 cts & paid him $1.50 for sawing wood.

5 rather damp cloudy misty day wind easterly. Mr Horton shelled out 3 bushels corn & put up 3 bags of rye & oats

6 some rain in night in morning clearing off wind NW fair & pleasant in afternoon clouded over & in night dark & cloudy paid Mr Horton for 6 lemons bought at Amherst 12 ½ cts

7 fair clear bright morning fine pleasant day wind NW pod breeze cloudy at night

8 fair fine day with clouds wind Westerly. paid Mr E. Porter for renewal of insurance policy on buildings, house 2000 barns 1000 for 1 year 1500 to commence December 11. 1877 — 15.00 & policy 50 cts Dr Bonney came to visit

9 Sunday fair & cold wind NW windy clear all day. Dr Bonney came a second visit to day — Ralph came over this morning, but not sure

10 fair with some clouds calm & cold. Paid Mr Horton for coal 40 00 — rather cloudy wind easterly began sprinkling snow in evening ground white mild calm, paid Mr Pelkie for medicine 40 cts for errands 20 cts

E.P. arrived from Boston quite unexpectedly —

1877. December 11. Tuesday - came off fair good day snow disappeared
12 - fair wind Westerly cool windy day. bought some soft soap for family
came to 40 cts he could not change a bill & that amount remains due to him
F.P. went to Northampton by Express - paid him for 1 fine woollen
blanket 1.50, also paid him for hoarhound candy 5 cts
13 - slight flurry snow in night, dull cloudy morning, came off fair mild
day with some clouds - Mr Hortons team delivered 1 load nut coal
2600 lb & some odd pounds
14 fair clear cold windy day wind North - F.P. went to Old Hadley by Express
sent by him 5.00 to Dr Bonney to give Charles Bartlett - Mr Hortons team
delivered another load nut coal - paid Ralph for making fires & going with S.P
to New Mills at Fort river 1.25.
15 - fair calm pleasant day wind North or NW 48 deg in afternoon. still taking
medicine & confined to house by cold in head & throat - Ralph took our horse
to North Hadley & got him shod & paid 30 cts for two feet, fore feet 30 cts
16 Sunday fair very mild wind Northerly above 50 deg - repaid Ralph
17 - fair calm - heavy white frost wind south, pleasant sunny mild day
ground frozen but thawing before noon & muddy, F.P. went to North
ampton by Express - sent by him to get silver change for 10.00
F.P. bought of Smith & Searle 1 single bedstead 3.00 & 1 husk
mattress 3.50 . 6.50
18. fair wind Northerly fresh breeze colder day, in afternoon less
wind & more pleasant. paid T. Connelly for 1 cord hard wood
6.00. afterwards measured by Mr Horton 100 feet. paid Mr Pelkie
for medicine at Porters, 50 cts & 10 cts commission
paid F.P. for my third of bedstead & mattress 2.00
19 cloudy moderate wind south cloudy day slight sprinkle
rain in afternoon. Mr Horton nailing on pickets garden fence
nearly finished south side. F.P. fixed east window in cellar -
20 - cloudy fair mild calm sun came out pleasant cloudy wind changed
round to North or NE fresh breeze cooler fair bright afternoon
Mr Horton began shingling old waggon house north side & carted home
some old shingles to his house. T. Ford worked 1 day sawing Connely wood
F.P. & William P. went down town by Express. sent back book to library
walks in vicinity of Rome paid T. Ford 2.25

1877 December 21 Friday fair clear bright morning calm & frosty fine calm sunny day Mr Horton shingling old waggon house paid for soft soap for family 45 cts

22 heavy cloudy mild calm – in afternoon fair mild & pleasant towards night – Mr Horton shingling on south side old waggon house T. Ford worked 1 day sawing old fence stuff & clearing out leaves from gutter & eave spout of roof east side of house, paid him for 2 days work 2.25

23 Sunday fair clear bright day wind North some breeze in forenoon – in afternoon, calm & quite pleasant. fine for winter

24 fair clear bright & calm wind North about 20 deg above some wind – in afternoon more calm & quite pleasantt. Mr Horton finished shingling waggon house, & began shingling on ice house, finished east side Mr Horton cleared out quantity of soot & ashes from fire place in washroom – F P. left Hadley by Express to take cars for Boston. Ralph had our horse to go to town – Received from R. M Horton present a very nice pocketbook with Almanack, Diary, & Account Book Christmas

25 fair clear bright. light breeze from North – ice house finished – Mr Horton moved away old boards in cellar & cleared out SE corner in cellar to throw down coal & wood ashes together – gave Ralph a small sum to buy presents for himself & sisters

26 fair fine day, sunny & pleasant. light wind from North

27 fair bright sunny day light wind North & NW pleasant – sent by Mr Horton to pay my subscription for Hampshire Gazette the ensuing year in advance 2.00 paid took receipt for the same. The Editor sent me his bill by mistake, supposing it not settled accounts with Mr Horton for the year from January 1st – 1877 to Dec 27 – 1877 see his bill on file

28 fair same weather continued wind North, frosty mornings & pleasant days mild in evening

29 fair frosty calm sunny wind Northerly, mild, floating ice in river sent by Mr Horton to buy pair drawers. paid for same 1.00 bought at McCallum

30 Sunday cloudy morning wind NE. came off fair in afternoon with clouds Ralph went twice to North Hadley with one horse

1877 December 31 Monday fair windy day. wind strong NE raw & cold very dry. air full of sand & dust blowing uncomfortable weather.
Received Mr Parks Bill for 3 months to December 31 — 46.97
Paid & settled his bill to this date 46.97

1876 Journal of Farm Work. Weather &c.

January 1 - Saturday fair mild calm warm 58 deg in afternoon summerlike day wind Westerly snow & ice mostly gone roads quite muddy - paid Mr Parks account from October 12 to December 31. including 1 barrel flour 9.00 in all 36.94 - paid him 35 dollars balance due Mr Park 1.94. This includes 1 pair rubber boots for 3.00 bought on my own account. Mr Lynch sent down 1 cord dry hard wood paid him for this load & 1 cord previous 13.00. borrowed of Sarah 10 dollars

2 - Sunday - cloudy foggy calm mild wind E. thawing weather clearing off in afternoon & evening wind SW

3 - ground some stiffened, no ice in trough. wind NW. some breeze moderate fine cool day, cut up brush, cut vegetables. Shelled corn

4 - fair clear cold, wind North or NW windy. pleasant in afternoon. cloudless day. ground frozen. no thawing. Mr Horton put up & fastened wire trough over north door

5 - hard frost. fair calm cold hazy & cloudy wind South raw & chilly, sawed wood & kindling. Mr Horton went to Amherst with my horse

6. slight rain in night. cloudy foggy mild. came off fair, wind NW. windy doing chores. cleaning stable feeding cows horse hens, sawing wood, shelling corn. fixed gate, neat barn bump

7 cloudy all day. calm wind or NE. raw & chilly shelling corn getting out carrying away coal ashes picking over apples.

8 - calm hazy fair wind E. rather chilly more cloudy, slight rain in evening sawed wood, shelled corn, cut vegetables

1876 – January 9 – Sunday rain in the night. cloudy morning
mild calm. 45 deg cloudy day
10 – much rain last night. cleared off. wind NW. fair windy
blustering growing colder & freezing hard at night. shelled corn
sawed wood. Mr F. Gardiner Principal Latin School. died in
11 very windy night fair & clear. wind lulled at night Boston cut ice very
12 – fair wind NW cold chilly some wind. no thawing. roads frozen
hard & very rough river closed over with floating ice & freezing together
went to Northampton. drew from Bank by a Check 200 dollars. loaned
Mr Horton 140 dollars. bought of C. Parsons 12 lb buckwheat flour
60 cts. paid for Hampshire Gazette 1 year in advance 2.00 paid for mending
13. fair & cold, hard frost wind NW. blowing up again. 4 below day. working Wm shoes 30 cts
in woodshed sawing & splitting wood
14 fair & cold hard frost calm clouding over before noon. wind SW
raw chilly day. put up 3 bushels corn rye & oats mixed.
15 – fair calm partly cloudy & fair. Ralph worked in forenoon cutting
clapboards, carried away coal ashes, cleaning out ice from trough
shelling corn, credit to Ralph 30 cts – cut vegetables. sawed wood.
16 – Sunday ready 1 inch snow fell in night fair wind West & NW quite
windy in forenoon in afternoon more calm & pleasant. F. Horton brought
over 1 1/2 bushels charcoal, bought at Mc Intires yesterday 38 cts paid him 60 cts

1876 January 17. Monday 1 inch snow in night calm mild. Sprinkling damp snow in forenoon. afternoon cloudy thick weather mist or fog till night shelled corn, Mr Horton changed cow to stable in sheephouse pitched off seven hay from top of mow in north bent in barn.

18. thick foggy cloudy weather continues calm & mild 37 deg. put up 1½ bushels

19- cloudy dull weather wind south or SE 48 deg- mild came on to rain in afternoon, roads quite muddy & bad travelling. went to N. Hadley carried to mill, 4½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed (corn rye & oats mixed), grist ground & brought home, bought of Mr Park 3 lb crackers. 2 lb candles for family, paid him for candy 10 cts. Sarah P. troubled with pain in side & sent for Dr Bonney Mr Horton delivered at cornhouse 435 lbs bran at 1.20 per Cwt amount to 5.22

20- cleared off in the night, fair morning wind NW windy moderate sawed & split wood & pine kindling. Dr Bonney called to see S.P.

21 fair cold wind NW quite blustering, ground frozen again, roads rough cutting out ice from trough, cutting vegetables fixing horse blanket. Dr Bonney called

22- cloudy calm raw chilly weather, in afternoon commenced snowing fine thin sprinkling snow, ground whitened. paid Mr Pelkie freight on basket 10 cts

23- Sunday, an inch or two snow in night & continued with some hail rain & sleet part of forenoon rather mild & calm, in afternoon thick & cloudy. 2 inches snow & hail with a slight crust—

1876. January 24. Monday, cleared off in night fair wind NW windy moderate. paid C. Daly 4 weeks wages 6.00 due yesterday. this sum deposited in my hands till called for by C.D.

25. cloudy day with very little sunshine. calm cold morning. wind south & SE. raw chilly air. Mr Hortons team drawing maple wood from river bank south end. sawed wood, paid for soft & hard soap 1.10 — paid for fresh codfish 64 cts, 4 cents due

26 - fair windy night wind NW, moderate fine pleasant. brown faced cow calved

27 - cloudy morning, began snowing, wind SE. continued till noon & then cloudy fair mild & calm. sawed wood. & cut pine wood for kindling

28 - foggy cloudy calm. came on moderate drizzling rain in forenoon continued till afternoon, sawed wood. Mr Belden called & dined on his way from Northampton

29 - cloudy & foggy wind southerly snow melting & sloshy, clearing off towards night wind NW windy in evening. sawed wood, carried away

30 - Sunday windy night fair coal ashes, shelled corn clear day wind NW wind in forenoon, calm in afternoon — snow & water frozen up, rough icy slippery —

31 - fair sunrise, clouded over calm wind North cloudy day clearing out ice from trough, cut vegetables. Mr Shipmans & Mr Congdon called to see Mr Horton. Mr Tower also called.

1876 February 1 - Tuesday, cloudy day wind south or SE. sawing wood, cut vegetables

2 - rain in night. cleared off in morning, high NW wind cloudy weather & snow squalls on hills, cold blustering day, sawed wood & usual chores.

3. fair morning calm hazy cloudy wind SE. raw chilly day snowing in evening sawed wood cut vegetables

4 - snow fell in night 5 or 6 inches - in forenoon cleared away wind ~~[illegible]~~ NW windy moderate. snow flying & filling up paths. shovelling snow about barn, sawed wood

5 - about zero, fair bright clear calm wind NW. clear sky all day sawed wood

Rec'd of Mr Horton 100 Dollars payment in part of 140 dolls borrowed by him Jan 12 — F. Phelps arrived from Boston.

6 Sunday 2 deg above 0 - cloudy calm cold wind southerly or SE cloudy all day sprinkling rain in evening

7 - 40 deg above 0 rain in the night, sudden change in the weather very mild clearing off, snow melting & thawing. roads sloshy. poor sleighing

Mr Belden & Marianne came over to visit & dined here.

loaned to Mr Horton 100 Dolls to pay on note at Amherst Bank & signed a new Note for 300. $. payable in 3 months from date (May 7)

put up 3 bushels corn rye & oats mixed

8 - fair fine pleasant day, sunny & mild, springlike weather, frozen in morning, thawing in afternoon. carried to mill 3 bushel corn rye & oats, bought of Mr Park kerosene oil crackers matches carried woodsaw to T. Clarks, engaged of Mr Cooley 2 cords dry hard wood

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1876 February 9. Wednesday, fair morning soon overcast cloudy wind NE
begun to snow toward night, sprinkling rain in evening, went to N Hadley
settled Mr Parks account & paid him in full to February 1. 14.94. took
Receipted Bill. als paid him for 1 gallon cider 30 cts large wooden pail 25 cts
candy 10 cts, license 5 cts, pencil 5, total 75, saw not filed brought home
grist. F. Horton brought over from Mr Shipherds 25 cakes ice, another cow calved in stable
10 - some snow & rain in the night. fair with clouds wind NE. sleighing
good but very thin. in afternoon sloshy melting fast pleasant mild day
went to North Hadley first time using our sleigh this winter. bought of Mr Parks
1 woodsaw & frame 1,00 left it with Mr Clarke to be filed with old saw
Mr Hortons team drawing ice from millpond to his icehouse & to our own
11 - cloudy foggy misty raining calm & mild wind easterly. Mr Hortons took home cow & calf Mr Clarke sent home
the old & new saw both filed & set. paid him 60 cts for both. hired T. Ford
to saw wood at 2,00 p cord. F. Horton brought over another cow. drawing ice
12. cleared off in night fair wind Nothaly some wind pleasant & mild.
showering some. T. Ford worked 1 day sawing wood shelled corn
13 - Sunday fair fine day mild calm wind SW & NW. springlike weather
some snow & ice in road, but poor sleighing.

1876. February 14 Monday – rain in the night & cloudy wet morning wind NE. cloudy thick misty day. some hail & sleet. hail in evening strong east wind D. Ford sawed wood in inner woodhouse

15 – 3 or 4 inches hail in night. some lightning & thunder. some rain in forenoon & considerably more in afternoon. snowsquall toward night. blue sky in afternoon. afterwards cloudy wind NE SE & south mild. paid for fresh fish 45 cts – shovelled away snow about barn & door steps

16 – fair squally clouds on hills. rather fair day but full of clouds & little sunshine Mr Horton took home another cow & calf. | faithful old Rover departed this life to day. a necessity caused by a panic in town about hydrophobia paid D. Ford for sawing 3 ¼ cords dry wood at 2.00 per cord – 6.50

17 – cloudy morning fair wind NW windy & rather cold day. Mr Cooley sent down by Mr Lynch 1 load dry hard wood 145 feet – 7.37 – Mr Park delivered bill of goods to order, bbl flour, sugar, coffee, tea, crackers cassia 14.25. see bill this date

18 – fair fine day wind NW some breeze moderate thawing south side – Mr Cooley sent another load dry hard wood by Mr Lynch's team 168 feet 8.53 2 cords & 57 feet amounted to 15.90 – rec Credit North Bank

19 – 16 deg hard frost fair some cloudy & hazy rather warmer in afternoon wind south, thawing snow & ice. H Phelps attended Meeting at Northampton Bank

20 Sunday fair wind NW blustering 28 deg at noon 24 deg at night. some poor sleighing, thin crust, sleighs scratch along & waggons run also.

21 – 14 deg fair calm pleasant wind NW. 4 weeks wages due C. Daly yesterday put in new window cord to south window in parlor. Mr Beaman called. & Dr Dwight

22 – 4 or 5 inches snow fell in night, cleared off in morning fair wind NW moderate Mr Horton & Mr Mason took out box from under privy & carried on sled down to dung heap in meadow.

1876. 14 deg above 0

February 23. wind began blowing in night continued all day. snow flying & drifting into the roads

24 – 4 deg below 0. windy in night, lulled away & began to blow again in forenoon cold windy blustering day. cut out ice from trough F. Phelps left by Express to take cars for Boston

25 7 or 8 deg above windy night fair morning calm in forenoon calm in forenoon wind NW some wind in afternoon. rather mildish pleasant shelled corn & usual chores. recent high winds filled paths with snow & made inconvenient travelling

26 – fair & rather pleasant mildish & calm shell corn. cut up potatoes & turnips. other chores as usual. paid Mr Pelkie bringing mail this week

27 – Sunday cloudy calm moderate cold wind NE, cloudy day. mowing in morn

28 – snowed in night 2 or 3 inches some hail in morning. continued all day fine sprinkling snow wind NE several inches. cleared away snow from door

29 some snow in night & snowing in morning. cleared off about noon about 6 inches snow or more on the ground fair & very pleasant in afternoon wind Northly calm, travelling snow about barn paths & piazza

March 1 Wednesday cloudy day wind North & West moderate dropping from eaves & thawing a little on North steps. paid J. Morrison for 2 bladed pocket knife 75 cts paid him for 1 small Tenpail 15 cts – sun rises 6.34 – sets 5.51

2 fair wind NW windy day, sunshine & clouds pleasant. cutting potatoes. sawing wood shelling corn. cutting ice

3 fair bright March morning. sun blazing up in the east. fine day 17 deg above 0 wind North & NW some wind. cut potatoes & turnips put up 3 bushel corn rye oats

4 – fine blazing sunrise clear sky sharp & frosty air calm pleasant day wind NW in afternoon south & West. Ralph worked part of day getting coal ashes from 3 barrels Mr Shipperly brought over 2 dozen eggs 50 cts doz. Mr Parker sent down two articles for family with bill for same 2.12

5 Sunday fair & clear calm. afternoon wind south hazy cloudy some ploughing thawing some South side

March 6. fair day calm wind south mild, snow thawing fast, poor sleighing
carried 3 bushels corn rye & oats. put up another bag provender
7 fine March morning calm mild. sun blazing up in east thawing & dropping from eaves
sleighing used up. carried to mill 1 bag provender in waggon. bought of A. Park
3 lb crackers 25 – 2 lb butter 60 cts. paid hime for pocket tube with rubber 5 cts
brought home grist. spring birds heard 55 deg –
8 – rain in night & morning foggy misty cloudy, afternoon calm mild wind NW
clearing off towards night
9 fair with clouds wind North. river broke up in night dammed with ice against
bridge & back water overflowed the meadow. sawed wood. shelled corn.
Mr Horton fixed cowhouse door, rather mild & thawy some wind
10 fair with some clouds & wind. fine March weather. quite high freshet. meadow
covered & part of Belden lot. Colman's bridge overflowed. received letter from
Northampton Bank doing shows.
11. fair fine day wind Northerly – in afternoon SE raw & chilly paid J. Sheffield
for 4 dozen eggs 1,00 paid C. Dale 2,00 to pay Mr Osborn – sent letter to
Mr Warriner in reply to letter received yesterday
12 – Sunday day, calm wind SE raw chilly, sun rises 6.16 & sets 6.4 increase 2.45
13. rain in night easterly storm held up in forenoon cloudy, clearing off
in afternoon wind NW windy evening. shelled corn. sawed wood.
14 – windy night fair morning windy day NW rather cold & blustering, monday
15 fair cold windy night & day wind NW Rec. letter from Rev P. M. Bartlett enclosing
Check for seventy five dollars on Fulton National Bank NY No 225 March 6
16 – fair morning some wind began to blow. clouding over before noon wind NE
began to hail & sleet towards night. sent Mr Bartlett Check for 75 dollars to
Northampton Bank by Mr Horton to be deposited to my credit. put up in barn
a rope to hang lantern
17 – hail in the night, ground white, wind NE cloudy morning came on
storm, continued all day 8 inches fell damp & heavy, shovelling snow in afternoon
Ellen Bedfinch arrived from Boston. Mr Horton furnished us milk at night from
his cow. the old yellow cow dried off.
18 – fair cold morning wind NW windy blustering day snow flying & filling up
paths cleaning out ice from trough.
19. Sunday fair cold clear wind NW some windy thawing on south side roofs

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March 20. cloudy calm cold wind easterly & E. began snowing in evening
shelled corn sawed wood cut potatoes Mr Park brought down sugar
tea crackers lemons with bill 5.89. paid C. Daly 6.00 wages for 4 weeks
due to her Sunday 19 — march 11 paid her 2.00 to pay Mr Osborn.
leaving 10 dollars in my hands to her credit
21 — Snowstorm began last evening continued all night snowed fast in
morning & finished off with rain in forenoon, cleared off in afternoon
wind NW. shovelling snow about barn. Ralph sawed hard wood in wood
house Ellen Bullock left by Express to take cars for Boston —
22 cloudy morn fair wind NW began snowing — got Ralph to take
our horse & sleigh & go for Dr Bonney to see Sarah Phelps & F.P.
23 fair wind NW rather milder, Dr Bonney called Sarah about same
T. Ford worked 1 day sawing wood in woodhouse.
24 fair frosty morning pleasant day, wind NW milder weather nearly calm
Ralph milked cow, fed horse shovelled snow at hogpen. T. Ford finished
sawing wood in woodhouse in afternoon began splitting wood
Received of Mr Horton 120 dollars in payment of money borrowed
140 dollars borrowed Jan 12 paid him for sundries 20 dollars
Dr Bonney called to see Sarah much the same, some fever & much debility.
25 began snowing in night continued till morning several inches fell
wind SE in afternoon turned to rain. continued in evening roads quite sloshy
Dr Bonney called Sarah much the same as yesterday, T. Ford sawed wood to
day & finished 2 cords 5/8 — 5.25 deduct 40 cts for wood sawed by Ralph would leave
4.85 but paid Ford 5.00 quite sloshy
26 - cloudy morning Sunday mild cleared off before noon fair pleasant calm, road
27 - fair rather colder wind NW some clouds, sent letter to F.P. — S.P. sent a
letter to Caroline, also sent by Mr Pelkie & brought a short pint of brandy
Porters Store. Dr Bonney called to day. Mr L. N. Grannis died this day of
Pneumonia after a short sickness, sent back to Mr Park 1 pair rubber boots
too tight. Mr Park brought down kerosene, fish & crackers 1.48
28 cloudy morning mild calm fair in forenoon, cloudy afternoon rain in evening
Mr Park sent down another pair rubber boots. Mr Pelkie brought up letter from F.P.
& Gazette. Mr Horton brought Sarahs paper & Porters receipt

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March 29. some rain in night cloudy mild clearing off fair in afternoon wind NW cooler. paid Ralph for sawing wood 40 cts - 2 dozen eggs 50 cts several jobs milking cow 10 cts amounting in all to 1.00, Mr Grangers funeral to day

30. fair but not clear, part of day cloudy, part fair wind east or south. West in afternoon gave 2 letters to Mr Pelkie. Mr Horton put on leather hinge to barn door

31 fair morning pretty clear sky - afternoon cloudy, wind Westerly. writing letter

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April 1. Saturday fair with clouds wind NW cold ground frozen cold windy cloudy day

2 - Sunday fair clear calm wind NW. ground frozen mild, spring like day

3 - cloudy calm raw chilly wind SE. Mr Horton helped to empty barrels ashes 2 or 3 barrels coal ashes. wrote letter to Rev P.M. Bartlett & sent it to day.

4 rainy night & morning wind NE. continued all day in afternoon began snowing in evening driving snowstorm

5 - 2 or 3 inches damp snow fell last night. cloudy morning wind NE. rather cloudy day. little sunshine. cut up pine kindling. Mr Hortons team sledding manure from barnyard to meadow north of path. Mr Park brought down groceries & bill to April 1 — bought some butter of J. Tower

6 fair fine bright day wind NW windy. sent money & paid J. Tower for 4 lb. 6 oz butter 1.50 lent to Sarah to pay Doctors bill 5.00. copied journal

7 - fair morning hazy & partly cloudy day wind south & SE. copied journal

8 - fair clear ground frozen wind NW windy cool. freezing the ground at night & thawing in daytime. Mr Parks account to April 1 - 32.20 deduct for 1 pair rubber boots 3.00 balance remaining 29.20 paid him 29.20

9 - Sunday fair ground frozen hard & thick ice formed. wind NW cold windy day

10. fair frozen hard wind NW cold milder in afternoon, wind North, copied journal

11 - fair calm ground some frozen, wind Northerly nearly calm quite pleasant copied journal. Mr Horton took my horse to Amherst.

12 - fair calm, ground & mud frozen, mild pleasant day. cut up old window casings for kindling wood. copied journal. Mike Darwin or Garvin called with a paper for his creditors to sign with the intention to compromise

1876 April 13 - Fast day fair calm hazy in forenoon. quite cloudy in afternoon wind easterly calmz mild fixed rope halter in stable cow
14 - foggy cloudy calm mild no frost. weather thick & misty. rain in afternoon
15 - fair wind NW. fresh breeze cool clear some heavy clouds. river rising & overflowing hollows in meadow. Mr Park delivered ½ barrel flour. 1 lb breakfast tea 2 bottles ink & stove polish. paid C. Daly 4 weeks wages 6.00 due to her tomorrow Sunday. She took 2.00 & left 4.00 with me to her credit making 14 dollars to her credit. paid Mr Park for 2 bottles ink 10 cts —
16 - Sunday cloudy calm mild smart shower past noon, wind came round NW fair, cool windy - loaned to F. Horton 15.00.
17 - fair pleasant in forenoon, wind NW rather raw & cold in afternoon squally clouds. cloudy afternoon & evening. Mr Horton took home 1 new milch cow & brought over 3 dry cows to be kept here for present. J. Ford began sawing maple & willow wood south side woodhouse. cut on river bank. went to N Hadley paid Mr Cooley for 2 cord 57 feet dry hard wood. $15.90
18 - calm cloudy raw chilly, fair wind NW windy with heavy clouds raw day J. Ford worked 1 day sawing willow wood copying journal
19 - cloudy morning partly fair with heavy clouds, wind Northerly or NW cold & raw J. Ford worked 1 day sawing & splitting wood. paid for soft soap & hard soap 1.10
20 - fair ground frozen stiff clear & calm wind NW some breeze pleasant day mended gate near pump cutting up kindling wood cloudy at night quite mild frogs heard the second time
21 - cloudy morning wind south mild, wind came round NW strong breeze heavy clouds windy day, not cold, copying journal, mending hole north end barn
22. fair bright clear calm. wind came from NW pleasant breeze. Received letter from T. Phelps with Check for $306.50. Myron Tower & Ralph carted away brush from trees about the lot & fences, to brush heap in bogs
23 - Sunday rain in the night cloudy morning wind south calm mild fair with clouds in afternoon wind NW pleasant fine breeze — large gray cow calved last night in stable & old yellow cow calved this afternoon in stable —
24 fair bright morning some frost wind Northerly or NW fine day cloudy at night sent Check over to Old Bank by Mr Horton for 287.50 & 20 dollar bill to get change
25 cloudy raw chilly wind easterly, partly cloudy day. Mr Horton mended barn door in north alley & stable floor in sheephouse. sent down to Mr Tower 88 cts to pay for 2½ lb butter. paid over to Sarah 20 dollars sent on the Check
26 - cloudy wind NE cold raw weather cloudy day —

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April 27. cold morning fair wind Northerly some wind mild pleasant taking out nails from old window casings, paid Mr Park for 1 large pencil 10 cts

28 - fair at sunrise. soon overcast, began to rain before noon cloudy in afternoon with some sprinkling showers

29 - cleared off in the night fair wind NW clear cool windy in afternoon calm mild raked up leaves south side woodhouse — Ralph borrowed our horse to go to N. Hadley twice. cloudy at night —

30 - Sunday some rain in night cloudy morning calm wind came round Westerly fair with clouds. wind changed to North or NE raw chilly.

May 1. Monday, snowsquall in the night. hills white with snow cleared off fair wind North or NW cold raw windy day - blustering. Mr Horton took away all the cows from our barn 8 & 2 calves & drove to Plainville all that were sold. T Ford worked 1 day raking leaves in pine grove. Marianne came from Whately by Express.

2 fair wind North or NW fine breeze mild, in afternoon wind easterly, toward night cloudy T. Ford worked 1 day raking leaves in pine grove & about hedge & carted to brush heap a number waggon loads leaves also 2 loads several loads brush trimmings from hedge 8 waggon loads leaves. paid T. Ford for sawing & splitting pile of willow wood 3 days work 5.00 & for work 2 days raking leaves 3 dollars making 8 dollars. paid him 7.00. leaving 1.00 his due. Mr Horton delivered 800 lbs plaster to mix with barnyard manure —

3 - cloudy day wind SE raw & chilly —

4 - fine spring morning clear & calm wind Westerly in afternoon wind south or SE. cloudy & rain before night fixing pumphandle at barn.

5 - cloudy wind easterly cloudy all day. no rain wind NE at night T. Connelly shelled some corn of his own with our cornsheller & carried to mill afterwards carted manure from barnyard to Belden lot. Mr Horton & men set fire to large brush heap in bogs. Mr Park delivered a bill of groceries kerosene oil. coffee dried apples lemons cheese & brought myself 1 lb raisins 18 cts. due to him

6 some rain in night misty drizzly morning cloudy calm mild. in afternoon fair warm pleasant. Mr Hortons men forking over manure under hovel T. Connelly carting manure in afternoon to Belden lot — Mr Horton sent over a new milch cow for me to buy & milk. sent to Northampton by Mr Horton for 1 bottle Wistars Balsam Wild Cherry 50 cts —

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May 7 Sunday fog & cloud calm came off fair & quite warm wind south brisk wind. 64 deg in morning. 86 deg in afternoon, sudden change weather to warm. a slight shower with several peals thunder

8 - fair morning mild calm slight fog. came out hot 80 deg in forenoon cloudy growing cooler 77 deg came on to rain in afternoon fair at night calm

J. Connelly carted manure from barnyard to Belden lot

9 wet misty drizzly morning. calm mild cloudy. came onto rain about noon wet J. Connelly carted manure in forenoon.

10 - rain in night. cloudy morning, calm mild 70 deg in afternoon fair & warm cloudy & rain at night F.P. arrived from Boston

11 - rain in the night. cleared off fair morning wind NW stiff breeze quite blustering. in afternoon pleasant & cool. J Connelly carted manure in forenoon to Belden lot. in afternoon went to N. Hadley with F. Phelps paid Clifford for taking off horse shoes paring down hoofs & mending 2 water pails - paid him 50 cts

12 - rainy morning thick & cloudy rest of day calm mild wind southerly cloudy. overhauling book chest in garrett.

13 - fair with clouds wind Westerly cool in afternoon a rain squall heavy gust of wind. put up 4 ½ bushels corn rye & oats mixed. carried grist to mill ground & brought home. settled Mr Shipman acct from October 1. 1875 & paid him in full 5.55 - paid C. Daly 25 cts on her wages

14 Sunday fair fine bright calm wind Westerly cool breeze heavy thin clouds

15 - cloudy calm, cloudy day rather chilly sprinkling rain at night. looking over & settling the family club accounts with F. Phelps

16 - fair cool chilly morning wind North & NE pleasant afternoon calm 4 weeks wages due to C. Daly Sunday 23th 6.00 left in my keeping at her request. amounting ~~to~~ 26 dollars to her credit.

17 fair morning cloudy wind south chilly. mended cowhouse door J. Connelly assisted. fixing small door at south entrance to barn fixing ba wooden catch to fasten back chaise house door F.P. went to Northampton by Express. Received for me at Old Bank by Check 100 dollars, also received to my Order Bank Dividend 24 dollars also Received, in all 274.30

18 cloudy wind easterly chilly weather came on to rain in forenoon, cleared off in afternoon fair quite pleasant calm, wind south. fastened strip zinc on cave spout rear piazza -

1876. May 19. Friday fair fine day very pleasant wind NW good breeze assisted F.P. taking down outer windows, west window in parlor, north window of kitchen. Paid Mr Kendrick bill for meat up to May 19 - 97.44. also paid him for buggy harness 6.00 for myself. Mr Hoytons team carted manure from barnyard. J. Connelly carted manure from barnyard to hollow west of road loaned to J. Connelly. 8 dollars tell next week

20 - fair fine morning calm wind Easterly & Southerly pleasant day cloudy at night F.P. went to Northampton by Express. washed & cut potatoes. F.P. bought a covered buggy at Northampton of Belchertown parties. & got it delivered here for family

21 - Sunday cloudy wind south, thunder shower in forenoon slight rain cleared off in afternoon warm & pleasant. loaned to F. Horton 15 dollars

22 - fair fine morning. rather warm day 76 deg. cloudy wind south & SW smart thunder shower in afternoon & another heavy shower at night ground some knives on Mr Hoytons grindstone. & brought home fountain pump F.P. mended kitchen window. J. Connelly returned 8 dollars he borrowed. & towards night he got out ashes from cellar & put into barrels. pleasant

23 cleared off in the night fair cold wind NE windy, in afternoon calm warm

24 - fair bright clear morning calm cold wind south then Westerly pleasant day carried 1 bushel shelled corn to mill & ground. F.P. paid Mr P. Scott 2.00 for W.P.'s seat in his pew the year past. I bought maple segar went to Cokeys store

25 fair bright pleasant NW wind blowing up cool breeze. strong in afternoon paid for soap soft family 1.00

26 - 46 deg fair cool fine day wind south sprouted potatoes. Marianne came over to dinner by way of Northampton. & returned home by way of ferry

27 - fair calm hazy wind south some breeze in afternoon quite warm. sprouted potatoes in cellar. J. Connelly carted 3 or 4 loads manure from barnyard to hollow west of road. Mr Hortons men planting corn North flat in meadow. F.P. left by Express to take cars for Boston

28 Sunday 65 deg fair bright calm wind south 83 deg. afternoon wind 79 deg

29 - fair calm - afternoon Wind West 83 deg. sprouted potatoes. J Connelly finished planting potatoes in hollow west of road. 6 bushel of his own 2½ mine. 8½ in all. Mr Horton fixed garden fence ½ day. carted in old fencing stuff

30 fair clear cool 49 deg wind NE windy in afternoon calm warm pleasant sprouted potatoes

31 42 deg fair fog cool calm wind south, warmer in afternoon some wind. mowed grass south end woodhouse washing clothes & potatoes.

1876 June 1. Thursday fog fair calm. in afternoon quite warm. wind south put up 2 bushels rye & 3 bushels corn rye & oats mixed, carried to mill & left there - brought home Ralph, Martin, & Loring Chapin

2 - fair fine morning calm, wind Westerly about 60 deg in morning went to mill, & brought home grist - rye & provender all mixed & ground together by mistake paid at mill for 50 lbs bran 62 cts - paid Mr Park for 1 yard heavy brown drilling cotton cloth to mend clothes.

3 - 36 deg - fog & cloud, calm warm fair cloudy in afternoon, wind south rain in evening with thunder, mended stake on rack waggon, washed potatoes mowed grass south side woodhouse, A D Phelps & his wife arrived from Boston Received by him a Check for 130 dollars.

4 Sunday. rain last night. cloudy foggy morning came off fair warm wind south or SW cloudy, a thunder shower came on about noon & another shower in afternoon. cloudy & more rain in evening -

5 - cloudy lowery wind North. came off fair day with clouds wind Northerly washed & cut potatoes, mowed grass. mended clothes

6 - 66 deg fair bright calm wind NW cool windy & many clouds cool day gave to a mendicant 35 cts washed potatoes. mended clothes - A.D.P. & wife with Sarah P. & W.P.P. went to Northampton in afternoon. sent Check over to old Bank by A.D.P. for 130 dollars - 100 to deposit - 30 to bring home in bills sent by Arthur harness to Mr Rice to mend

7 fair bright morning some fog fair pleasant day wind NW cool breeze A.D.P. & wife with Sarah P. & W.P.P. went to Whately. Arthur went to N. Hadley in morning. paid Mr Rice for repairing harness 30 cts. brought home from T. Clark a small clock, not worth repairing

8 - ~~fair~~ fair fine day rather warmer wind south 78 deg noon some clouds in afternoon mowed grass on bank south side. Arthur took new buggy to Northampton paid him for 1 oz cubebs 10 cts

9 fair fine weather wind south or E some breeze in afternoon strong southerly wind cloudy at night - with Arthurs assistance looking over trunks took chests & drawers in search of Fathers manuscript. Arthur found it since in trunk in Boston

10 - thunder shower in night 3 o'clock, cloudy foggy morning wind south coming off fair calm & warm, rain in evening. mowed grass on bank south of house washed potatoes. A.D.P. went to Northampton to get carriage mended & bring home chair

1876 June 11 Sunday cloud & fog calm, came off fair warm
wind south 84 deg at noon in afternoon wind E. cool fresh
breeze cloudy toward night looking rainy A.D.P. W.P.P. went to
Whately & returned with Marianne 4 weeks wages 6.00 due to C.D.
this day, this added to 20 dollars remaining in my hands amounts to 26 dollars
two due
12 – cloudy wind North & NE cloudy all day wind easterly, put up 2 bushel
rye & went to mill by Ralph, sent up scythe to be ground at Dickinson
shop. righting up posts for clothes line & ramming earth about them
mowed grass in Lane. Ralph worked in forenoon going to mill & getting in wood
13 cloudy fog calm slight sprinkle about noon. cleared off in afternoon
fair & pleasant, went to North Hadley with A.D.P. paid for 2 bags bran 1.10
brought home rye & ~~bran~~ bran. In afternoon A.D.P. S.P. H.P.P went to take
ride to Amherst, in forenoon with W.P.P. in afternoon all hands went to Mt Holyoke
14 – cloudy some fog wind south fair with clouds, about 1 o'clock heavy shower
fair afternoon. Mr Belden came over from Whately, rode with him to
Amherst & went to see new barn at Agricultural College, looked into Conservatory
the other party returned from Mt Holyoke about 11, o'clock
15 – cloud & fog ~~Sun~~ came out fair & hot calm some thunder clouds but
all passed off, wind south, brought in rye flour & corn meal to house
mowed grass in lane, washed potatoes. A.D.P. Harriet Sarah & W.P.P.
went to Whately by way of Sindaland, bought loaf Graham bread of
baker 10 cts paid them for meal for his horse
16 – ~~fair~~ bright clear sunrise & fair fine day wind south, went to Northampton
with A.D.P. paid A Edwards for 1 dozen Quinine in powder 50 cts. paid
M.M. French for 1 blue denim frock & pumpkin 75 cts. paid T. Marsh for 1 lead
pencil No 1 – 8 cts, cleaned out stables, cut potatoes. Ralph got injured riding
up 2 horse cultivator, horses ran away, thrown off, run over, cut & bruised
but not so serious as was feared. Arthur carried over clock to Poole to fix
17 – cloudy, wind south in afternoon fair windy, about 80 deg mowed grass in lane
washed potatoes. A.D.P. & wife left by Express to take cars for Boston
went over to see Ralph gave him 1.50 to spend due in part for work
18 Sunday, fair heavy clouds with brisk south wind in afternoon about 80
high wind sprinkling showers

1876 June 19 cloudy lowery wind south misty & sprinkling shower came off fair with clouds, alternate cloud & sunshine misty in hills greased carriage wheels cut potatoes, mowed grass old yellow cow bedding, injured my back, putting up cows in stable

20 - cloudy lowery wind south muggy came on to rain only a shower came off fair, sunshine & clouds South 76 deg slight shower

21 cloudy & calm fair wind south shower past noon, wind NW fair cooler greased waggon wheels mowed grass, new moon

22 fair bright morning cool wind Westerly cloudy windy & cool 66 deg paid for bakes bread 1 loaf 10 cts. paid a feeding of meal & grain

23 - cloudy wind calm cool fair day fresh breeze NW. Mr Horton brought on 3 barrels potatoes & 1 basket

24 fair bright morning calm overcast fair wind south, wind changed to NW cool & brisk mowed grass, Mr Horton nailed on boards west side of barn, all loose at bottom

25 Sunday fair fine morning, cool fresh Westerly breeze, warm in afternoon a thunder shower passed off to North, slight rain here cloudy fair

26 fair very warm day Mr Horton mowed river bank, under pine trees & in garden & a strip north of barn.

27 fair fine day warm some hazy clouds come from West, in afternoon thunder clouds around, slight shower toward night strong windy squall from south — Mr Horton carted 1 load hay from river bank & into barn, & carted several small jags hay from West yard & garden, also got in hay from swale east of garden to day the Church at Northampton burnt

28 fair fine day wind NW fresh breeze cooler weather, carried potatoes from cowhouse to cellar & sprouted the same J. Ford threw into woodhouse a pile willow wood sawed & split cooked ½ day paid him 75 cts & 1,00 due him before Mr Horton mowed swale & ridge lightly between 2 ditches & got into cowhouse all but one load. Old Church at Northampton took fire & totally consumed

29 cloudy calm, looking rainy fair in afternoon sprouted potatoes raked & cocked hay in garden Mr Horton mowed piece clover grass over in former pasture east hill men carted 1 load swale hay to cowhouse from piece north of barn, 1 load from bridge

30 fair wind Northerly in forenoon south in afternoon quite warm sprouting potatoes in woodshed Mr Horton mowed over east a piece of clover adjoining pasture & mowed in orchard & part of ten lot, carted 2 loads into barn & 1 or 2 loads into cowhouse —

1876 July 1, Saturday fair with some clouds quite calm. Then hazy clouds. clear warm & calm in afternoon. good hay weather all this week.
Mr Horton finished mowing on tan bt & carted 1 load to cowhouse 1 load to barn. paid Mr Parks bill to July 1 - 47.65
2 - Sunday 78 deg ~~wind~~ fair calm. wind coming from NW with clouds very warm day 90 deg. a smart shower in afternoon. calm & warm.
3 - 75 deg - cloudy lowery calm muggy. came of fair in forenoon. wind Westerly fresh cool breeze. bought a loaf Graham bread 10 cts
4 fair calm clear wind blowing up from SW brisk breeze. warm day rain in evening. put down block at sheephouse door. west of house
5 fair calm wind Westerly or SW warm day, good breeze. mowed grass on bank
6 - last night frequent lightning in West distant thunder no rain here. wind came round fresh & cool NW windy day, getting dry. cut grass east of waggon shed cut potatoes, mended rake. Received letter from A.D.P. with 2 maps of Boston & a Review from D. P.
7 - fair calm warm cloudy in afternoon mowed grass under apple trees, mended rake, bought loaf Graham bread 10 cts
8 - fair clear calm warm & warm day, about 90 deg afternoon wind Westerly & light mowed & cut grass round apple trees east of smoke house mended chair
paid C. Daly 12 dollars of his reserved wages 20 dollars remaining due to him.
9 - Sunday fair wind NW brisk warm day in afternoon some clouds & sprinkling showers on the hills. lightning in evening
10 cloud & fog, calm warm muggy fair wind with quite sultry. Thunder shower in afternoon about 6 oclock mowed grass, cleaning trough. bought 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts. put up 1 bushel corn & oats mixed
11 cloud & ~~fog~~ fog calm & muggy came out warm 91 deg 12 oclock - heavy thunder shower between 1 & 2 oclock, heavy thunder & powerful rain rain wind south, putting up grist, mowed grass. paid tin pedlar for tin cup 10 cts
12 - cloudy heavy air, some watery clouds in forenoon, cleared off fair wind NW mowed grass, putting up grist. Mr Horton got in 1 load hay south of path sprinkling & cutting potatoes
13 - fair clear warm day 91 deg at 12 oclock wind Westerly mowed grass sprouted potatoes paid for loaf brown bread 10 cts
14 - fair & warm calm 91 deg at noon, carried to mill 6 bushels corn & oats mixed, grist ground brought home. bought of Mr Park 2 bushels old potatoes not delivered. also 5 or 6 lbs pork. Mr Horton mowed in meadow south of path. carted 2 loads to barn. carted number loads his own rye to barn & filled 3 bents on scaffold.

1876 July 15. Saturday fair clear clear light breeze from North 83 deg afternoon
mowed grass. cut up potatoes. Mr Horton finished mowing piece west of
path in meadow & carted 1 load to barn. put into base mow. cut rye south of
garden with reaping machine & also piece rye in Belden lot. Mr Park brought
down 2 bushels old potatoes at 40 cts per bushel. carried potatoes into cellar
16 Sunday fair calm warm 86 deg before noon. warm day wind West
17 fair calm warm 86 deg in forenoon. wind S.W strong breeze mended
hay rake Mr Horton mowed grass north of barn carted 2 loads into barn
carted rye from Belden lot into barn mowed piece grass in hollow west of road
Sarah paid soap man for soft soap 1.00 bought 1 loaf Graham bread
gave his horse a mess of oats
18 fair morning warm day. many wind thunder & rain towards night
mowed grass cut up potatoes & apples. Mr Horton mowed grass in Belden lot
carted hay into barn from Belden lot & carted rye to barn from south of garden
19 cloudy calm warm muggy. sun came out 78 deg in morning wind Westerly
rather warm day. mowed grass behind sheephouse. cut up potatoes & apples
Mr Horton carted 1 load hay to barn from Belden lot.
20 fair warm 89 deg thunder showers at night mowed grass. Mr Horton
mowed grass in meadow. & got into barn about 5 loads for my part. paid for bran
21 fair wind North & NW cool mowed grass, got potatoes
22 fair wind North & N.E cool air. most comfortable day. cloudy at night
mowed grass sold to Ralph ½ bushel potatoes. Compton Seedlings. Sprouting 25 cts
potatoes in cellar. sent boy to mill by Ralph to get some bran. Jane gave him. mill closed
23 Sunday. Thunder shower about 4 o'clock morning cloudy calm muggy. rain
& thunder in afternoon cleared off fair, wind North & NW
24 fair clear cool wind North & NW windy sent to mill for bag bran
paid for 1 bag full bran 75 cts by Mr Horton. sprouting potatoes in cellar
paid for loaf wheat bread, by mess of oats for horse. paid for 3 quarts huckleberries
bought of Webster Smiths 25 cts
25 fair calm cool good breeze NW. mowed grass. sprouted potatoes Mr Horton
mowed yesterday south of garden & got in to day 2 loads
26 chilly cloudy wind north & NW pleasant cool windy day mowed grass sprouted potatoes
27 thin cloud fair wind West warmer in afternoon. wind South. mowed grass. carried
2 bushels new potatoes into cellar sprouted potatoes. paid Mr Park for 2 bushels
new potatoes 70 cts. paid for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts for 2 quarts huckleberries
15 cts charged to self.

1876. July 28. Friday fair wind south, good breeze & strong, not very clear cloudy rain in evening, mowed grass, Sprouted potatoes, carried out from cellar repose potatoes & sprouts, paid Albert Pratt for 2 small hand baskets 30 cts -

29 — rain in the night, fair morning, calm warm muggy, wind Westerly, set post for clothesline - Sprouting potatoes in cellar. Ralph worked till eleven o'clock, finished potatoes in cellar, mowed grass

30 - Sunday cloudy calm wind NE rain toward night

31 - rain in the night, cloudy wind North & NE. mowed grass, Sprouted & cut potatoes sold 1 bushel potatoes to Mr Horton, took a loaf Graham bread, paid in feed for horse, paid him for 1 loaf wheat bread for family 10 cts Mr Belden & Marianne came over in afternoon, Marianne remained here.

August 1 Tuesday fog & cloud fair warmer day wind easterly mowed grass Sprouted & cut potatoes, cleaned barnfloor.

2 fair wind Northerly cool fair day warmer wind SE, mended barn door mowed grass, Sprouted potatoes, picked up apples.

3 - fair with some fog, cool fine day wind southerly, sent by Ralph a scythe to be ground at C.D. Dickinson shop, paid 10 cts - & Ralph 10 cts - paid for 1 loaf indian brown bread 10 cts, cut up grass, Sprouted potatoes

4 - fair clear calm cool, cut up grass, south of woodhouse, Mr Park (not Mr B. at home) delivered 1 bushel new potatoes for family, Marianne returned to Whatley

5 - fog & cloud, came out fair warm calm, picked up apples for cows, cutting grass south side woodhouse

6 Sunday fog & cloud warm muggy came out fair & warm day sultry lightning in evening, Mr Horton brought cast iron back piece for stove 1.00

7 - 73 deg fog & cloud fair & warm, shower with thunder about noon - afternoon fair & warm, thunder showers passed off at south, cutting grass south side woodhouse, Sprouted & cut potatoes, paid for loaf Graham bread, feed & horse

8 slight fog & some clouds fair & warm 82 deg cutting grass picking apples, cut potatoes

9 fair, cool wind Westerly & Northerly pleasant, mowed & cut grass, shaved & washed paid Mr Park for 1 pair spring snap hooks for reins 25 cts, also received bag oatmeal pumped out dirty water in barn well

1876 August 10. Thursday fair slight fog cooler nights but warm days
warm calm hazy wind Westerly. cut grass in lane. cut up kindling wood
bought a loaf Graham bread - paid in horse feed
11 fair with some fog cooler nights & morning. warm in afternoon 86 deg to day
wind south rather dry shell river & mill ponds low mowed grass.
put up grist 3 bushels corn & oats mixed. paid C. Daly 3.00 for expenses to
Conway. gave her 1.00 present for her child. 23 dollars remaining to her credit
12 - fog & cloud calm fair 86 deg wind southerly. picked up apples. mowed grass
paid Mr Park for 6 lb oatmeal 42 cts - thunder clouds NW & south no rain here
13 - Sunday morning cloud & fog close muggy sun came out fair & warm
82 deg at 11 o'clock quite calm sultry - in afternoon 86 deg some breeze
from West very dry
14 fog & cloud fair & warm wind south. hazy in afternoon. carried to mill
3 bushel corn & oats mixed. carried strap of waggon harness to Mr Rice
to be repaired. paid Clifford for mending small chain 10 cts. paid at mill
for 1 bag bran 55 cts mowed grass cut potatoes. in evening looked sacks
looked over some accounts with Mr Horton
15 fair with hazy clouds, quite warm day sultry with some heavy clouds
in afternoon a breeze from West. some thunder clouds but no rain
mowed grass, washed clothes
16 fair cooler wind NNE cool breeze hazy on the hills calm & warm
in afternoon wind south washed clothes. cut potatoes. mowed grass
Ralph carted away 1 load coal ashes -
17 - cloudy day slight rain about noon & sprinkling rain towards
night. sent by Ralph to do some errands at North Hadley.
brought home breeching straps of harness. paid Mr Rice 10 cts - paid
Clifford for 1 large bread knife 65 cts. carried 2 bushel corn & rye mixed
to mill grist ground & brought home. sent to Mr Park for barrel flour
delivered same day. bought loaf Graham bread 10 cts cut grass near old
hogpen, picked up apples. washed clothes. Ralph carted away another load
coal ashes - paid him 25 cts -
18 morning cloud fair cool. sun came quite warm. dry wind south. picked up apples
mowed grass. cut up potatoes - A. Phelps arrived from Boston

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August 19 Saturday. fair with clouds wind south. sent by Ralph old bread knife to Clifford to be mended mowed grass. washed clothes cut up potatoes.

20 - 66 Sunday fair wind NW blowing up fresh & cold remains to her credit afternoon the same paid C Daly 3 dollars of his wages. 20 dollars

21 - 45 deg fair wind NE chilly wind Northerly quite cool picked up apples mowed grass. cut up potatoes bought loaf Graham bread 10 cts paid carried up horses to be mended at Mr Rice. bought at Mr Parks we have fed watermelon for family. 16 lbs. 24 cts

22 - 48 deg fair & calm Strong breeze NW blowing up in forenoon warmer in afternoon. picked up apples. mowed grass. went to North Hadley. paid Mr Rice for repairing harness 35 cts. paid Clifford for paring down horse hoofs 10 cts & paid him for 1 pair damaged fingers 25 cts

23 cloudy fair, rather warmer to day, wind SE. picked up apples. mended fence at 2 places down road. cut potatoes. mowed grass. sent a check to Old Northampton Bank by F. Phelps for 200 dollars. Mr Porter mowed river bank & mowed north & south swale west of main ditch. paid Mr Park for a whip lash for Martin 5 cts.

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August 24 Thursday. cloudy calm cleared off fair rather warm wind SE picked up appler. mowed grass. cut up potatoes. Mr Horton carted hay from river bank 1 small load 6 cock & carted from swale north side & south side west of ditch 1 load hay to cock

25 – 68 deg fair smoky & hazy on hills partly cloudy wind south. pretty warm day, mowed grass in garden. Mr Horton mowed swale east side of main ditch & carted swale mown 1 load to cock sawed up & split old fencing stuff in woodshed.

26 small shower rain in night fair wind south & West smoky on hills. wind wind blowing up NW fresh & cool. Mr Horton gathered pears in garden 1 bushel & 1 peck to cock, cut up potatoes, mowed grass.

27 – Sunday cloudy dry smoky hazy calm & cool. wind blowing up NW cool dry

28 – fair & calm hazy & smoky on hills dry weather. NW wind blowing. mowed grass. picked up apples. greased carriage wheels, paid for soft soap for family. 12 c

1876

August 29 fair & calm wind blowing NW some breeze very dry & dusty picked up apples, mowed grass cut up potatoes. sent Check to Old Northampton Bank by F.P. Received 200 dollars. F.P. paid my taxes to Mr Shipman C.P. tax 100.60 discount 10 per ct. Estate of C.P. 19.58 discount 10 per ct amount of Tax discount deducted 108.16. Received from F.P. balance $1.84 picked up apples.

30. fair cool hazy & smoky calm rather warmer day, wind southerly, mowed grass

31 fair hazy very slight fog. warm dry south wind, mowed grass, picked up apples cut up potatoes. F.P. & S.P. went to Whately. river very low & all the streams

September 1. Friday fair. but hazy & smoky, a thick atmosphere, not clear very day weather; river came out very hot & sultry, small thunder Showers in afternoon cloudy, mowed grass. picked up apples in lane, cut potatoes

2. rain in night fair wind NW blowing up fresh, cool windy day picked up apples, mowed grass. Mr Horton delivered 1 cord dry hard wood & 1 cord dry chesnut wood at woodhouse.

3 — Sunday fair cool wind NW breeze fine day cool & pleasant —

1876
September 4. Monday fair slight thin fog 49 deg hazy in morning
wind Westerly or S W. good breeze cloudy shower of rain towards
night fair. put up 3 bushels corn & oats mixed. sent to mill by
Mr Horton. brought home by Ralph. F.P. repaired east side the house
nailing on boards. Mr Horton carted 1 load dry hard wood & 1 load
dry chesnut wood. bought of Mr Cooley. cutting up corn in meadow
Thrashed some bundles rye for straw & bird corn. mowed grass cut potatoes
5 – fair clear cool calm. began to blow wind NW strong breeze with
windy clouds. picked up apples. mowed grass.
6 – 46 deg fair calm clear wind NW blowing up in forenoon. pasture door in barn
to day, mowed grass in garden. picked up apples. fixed hinge on small
7 – cloudy calm wind easterly came off fair warmer day. in afternoon
wind south & SW. yesterday paid Clifford 10 cts for mending
bread knife, mowed grass. mended barn door. Mr Horton men
cut up corn in meadow & stacked corn – & set up in stooks

1876

September 8. Friday cloudy began to rain fine shower wind South. Night arrived from Cambridge
showers cloudy, mowed grass in garden, hooping pail & bucket. Ellen Bulfinch
9. fair calm pleasant. wind blowing up NE. in afternoon heavy clouds
I. Connelly thrashed some bundles rye for the straw to bind corn. picked
up apples, looked over barrel apples in cornhouse. cut up potatoes ~~in garden~~
fitting arm iron hoop on old bucket, mowed grass in garden.
10 - Sunday 50 deg - fair cool wind NE. in afternoon hazy. calm cloudy
cut potatoes
11 - cloudy fair wind cloudy in afternoon no rain, mowed grass, picked apples
12 - fair cool morning, calm wind Northerly. in afternoon wind
Westerly warmer paid C. Daly 1.00 of her wages, mowed grass under
grass under appletree. picked up apples, cut potatoes. washed ~~potatoes~~ clothes
fastened leather ~~hinge~~ hinge on barn door
13 - fair with some clouds, wind North & NE. chilly. dry weather
no fog nor dew river low. in afternoon wind south mowed grass ~~under~~
pail
under appletrees picked up apples cut potatoes, mended handle small
Mr Horton got in 1 jag swale hay over east

1876. September 14. Thursday fair with many clouds wind
southerly brisk. cloudy at night mowed grass under apple trees
picked up apples cut potatoes. J. F. worked 1 day sawing wood
& assisted Mr Horton about thrashing rye with machine
15 Some rain in night cloudy calm. fair warm with many clouds
wind southerly & West mowed grass, picked up apples.
Mr Horton finished thrashing the rye raised on my land, over
15 bushels for my half. Thrashing his own rye & put straw under
shed J. Ford worked 1 day sawing & splitting hard wood outside
put into woodhouse
16 fair wind Northerly cool, in afternoon cloudy calm mowed grass
under plumtree, sawed wood, cut potatoes Mr Horton thrashing rye with
machine
17 Sunday cloudy wind NE set in to rain raing all day & evening NE storm
18 cloudy morning fair wind south, several showers during the day &
evening mowed grass. Mr Horton thrashed rye with machine,
J. Ford worked 1 day splitting wood & throwing in wood to woodshed
19. Rain in night cloudy muggy calm warm fair with clouds
in afternoon wind southerly, mowed grass, picked up apples
J. Ford worked 1 day sawing chesnut wood in woodshed &
bushels
Mr Horton finished thrashed rye with machine, his rye yielded 125

1876. September 20 Wednesday fair with clouds wind North cool
cloudy day cleaning up round barn. mowed grass. cut apples
& potatoes J Ford worked 1 day sawing & splitting chesnut woods
paid him in part for sawing 2 cords hard wood 4.00 & for sawing his due
2 cords chesnut wood 3.00 in all 7.00 paid him 5.00 — 2.00 remaining
21 cloudy wind NE cloudy all day, not much wind, & cool. mowed
grass in garden, cut potatoes & apples. sent Check to Northampton Bank
pressed & baled
Mr Horton carted 2 load rye straw from our barn to Northampton to be
22 cloudy wind NE. cleared off gradually sun came out fair wind SE. cool
1 load straw to Northampton
mowed grass in garden put up 2 bags corn rye & oats mixed. Mr Horton carted
23. fair wind Northerly cool with clouds in afternoon cloudy wind south
Northampton
mowed grass, cut potatoes & apples, Mr Horton carted 2 load straw to
24. Sunday cloudy wind NE cloudy all day sprinkle of rain
25 cloudy morn wind NE cool came off fair sunny day mowed grass in garden
Mr Horton carted 2 load straw from barn to Northampton
26. cloudy wind NE sprinkling rain before noon, raining in afternoon & evening
Mr Horton took away 1 load straw to Northampton J. Ford worked 1 day
mowing weeds in north yard & removing decayed stumps of maple tree near
piazza shelling corn. J Reed carted 1 pig pumpkins from Connelly corn on
Bolden lot & 1 pig pumpkins from corn in meadow

1876 September 26 Tuesday Mr Park brought down 8 bushels fall apples at 10 cts put in cornhouse. bought for cows due Mr Park 80 cts

27 - 44 deg. cleared off in the night. fair bright morning cool wind North wind West & SW cool windy cloudy day. mowed grass in garden cut up potatoes pumpkins apples. J. Ford worked 1 day cutting weeds & bushes & elder bushes in north yard & round fences & shelling corn paid him for 2 days work 2,50 also 2,00 due him before 4,50 paid Mr Haton carted & put into cellar 6 bushels onyons & potatoes

28 - fair bright morning cool wind south changed to West & NW cool & fresh carried to mill 3 bushels corn rye & oats mixed. bought of Mr Park ½ bushel salt 45 cts. coarse fine 1 bag rake 35. jug of new cider 20 cts 8 bushels apples @ 10 cts - 80 - 1.80 mowed grass in garden. paid at mill for 1 bag bran 50 cts. Mr Haton got in 1 load rowen hay from meadow

29. fair bright pleasant brisk south wind mowed grass in garden. cut potatoes pumpkins. Mr Haton sent over some more potatoes in barrels.

30 cloudy fair calm pleasant, cloudy in afternoon, wind south & SW sprinkling rain. filled hogshead with ears corn taken from him & cribb paid for soft soap for family 1.00

1876 NW

October 1 Sunday heavy rain in night, cloudy morning, cleared off fair wind

2 some fog & some frost, fair. NW windy cool. mowed grass. cut up potatoes pumpkins & apples. shifting corn in ear from west crib to east binn bread & 1 loaf brown 20 cts

paid C. Daly of fair wages 25 cts paid another bread pedlar for 1 loaf Graham

3 heavy fog, almost the first this summer, fair fine day, wind, south or SW pumpkins cleaned out corn crib west side. sawed kindling wood, cut potatoes apples

4 fair with clouds wind southerly. more cloudy in afternoon, railing on boards west side cornhouse, fixing barnyard gate, cut potatoes apples pumpkins. mowed grass in garden, Mr Horton husking corn in meadow put into cornhouse 20 baskets

5 cloudy began to rain — rainy in forenoon — in afternoon partly held up cloudy. breaking away in West. greased carriage wheels, looking over apples cut potatoes pumpkins

6 cloudy foggy rainy wind easterly rainy in morning, held up wind south coming off fair, cut vegetables. sawed wood

7 fair bright calm mild wind began blowing North or NW quite cool & heavy clouds windy day mowed grass. cut vegetables for cows. Mr Hortons man gathered apples north of barn & divided 4 bushels to each. Ralph carted away 1 barrel coal ashes shelling corn & picked up 3 or 4 bushels butternuts & divided the same. helped about ~~shelling~~ settled accounts with Mr Park & paid bill to October 1. 3 months $54.56

1879

October 8 Sunday 35 deg fair heavy white frost calm clear wind SE. in afternoon changed to NW cool & windy with heavy clouds

9 – fair clear calm wind Westerly cool pleasant. some breeze, few clouds picked up apples north of barn, cut up vegetables for cows. nailed on pickets to east fence of garden. paid for 1 loaf Graham bread & 1 loaf Indian brown bread 10 cts each 20 cts, Mr Horton brought 1 load coal about dusk

10 – fair calm thin ice formed in barnyard, Strong south South wind blowing, some warmer, sawed kindling wood, cut up vegetables & apples, mowed grass, Mr Horton delivered 2 load coal & brought up from meadow 1 load husked corn to corn house

11 – fair clear calm frosty. a blustering wind blew up from NW with clouds. fixing picket fence east of house, the gateway, mowed grass, cut potatoes, apples, pumpkins, Mr Horton delivered 1 load cornstalks from meadow put into barn, & delivered third load coal, & carted 1 load husked corn to cornhouse

12 – fair clear calm, heavy white frost & ice formed, coater in trough skimmed over. wind SE pleasant, moving planks, rails, old post, carried bag of butternuts into garrett, cutting potatoes pumpkins apples, Mr Horton brought 1 load corn fodder into barn, & 1 load husked corn into cornhouse. J Connelly brought in 2 bags potatoes into cellar

1876 October 13. Friday fair calm frosty cold morning. fine pleasant sunny day wind West. cut potatoes apples pumpkins. mowed grass. lent waggon harness to Rudph.

14 – cloudy calm. came off fair pleasant wind. cut potatoes. pumpkins apples. mowed grass in garden, sawed up old wood, Mr Horton got in 1 load husked corn to cornhouse. J. Connelly finished digging potatoes in hollow west of road. whole amount 25 ½ bushels. 1 half to me make it right 12 ¾ bushels. engaged of him 10 bushel potatoes. due from him 2 ¼ bushels to

15 – Sunday cloudy wind NE. raw chilly unusually cold windy day 36 deg in afternoon wind NE cloudy.

16 – 36 deg fair windy day North or NW. more moderate. carried about 1 barrel apples into cellar from cornhouse also a few small pumpkins. cut potatoes apples pumpkins. in evening quite calm & mild. Last Saturday Received a letter from F.P. with Check for 306.70

17 – 40 deg cloudy fair windy NW. rather pleasant not cold. Mr Horton put another load husked corn into cornhouse. – shelled corn. cut apples potatoes pumpkins. paid Mr Park for 1 spool white cotton thread & 1 skein white thread 10 cts. sent by Rudph for bag bran at mill. paid 35 cts sold beef cows to Mr Kendrick & cow taken away to day by his men a red & white spotted cow quite fleshy, a good quiet cow to milk & never gave any trouble.

1876 October 18 Wednesday fair wind NW. clear quite cool & windy
a spell of cool windy weather pleasant but rather too dry. cutting up clap-
boards & kindling stuff. cutting potatoes apples pumpkins for cow
mowed grass. sent by Mr Horton. Check for 306.70 to old Northampton Bank
19 fair. heavy white frost & ice. thickness of window glass calm pleasant
wind south. I. Connelly husked corn in barn cut potatoes apples pumpkins
mowed grass in garden
20 - thick fog wind Northerly & NE cloudy calm cloudy fair day wind south
calm mild mowed grass in garden cut potatoes pumpkins apples.
I. Connelly husking corn in barn & packed away cornstalks in scaffold
Mr Horton carted his part of corn fodder from meadow into cornhouse
21 cloudy wind NE. mild cloudy day mowed grass. cut potatoes apples
pumpkins I. Connelly carted corn from Beldon lot to barn.
22. Sunday foggy cloudy calm mild cloudy warm day calm some little rain from north
23. cloudy calm mild damp some wet & misty in afternoon, rain at night
& evening cut vegetables for cow mowed grass in garden bought from baker
cart 2 loaves Graham bread paid 20 ct -
24. cloudy wind Westerly came off fair wind NW. fine pleasant day
cool breeze cutting fod for cow. finished dig potatoes
potatoes corn cows

October 25. Wednesday fair bright morning wind NW. some breeze pleasant in forenoon — more cloudy & raw in afternoon cut feed for cow, moved grass in garden. Shelled corn. paid C. Daly 2,00 of hir wages, leaving 2g dollars to her credit.

26. fair with clouds, calm moderate cloudy wind S.W. & NW. cloudy raw chilly day, looking over apples in chaise house cutting feed for cow. Mr Horton men got in a load husked corn to cornhouse. J. Connelly husking corn in barn.

27 - fair wind West, rather windy chilly day heavy clouds. carried pumpkins from sheephouse, to ice house. cutting feed for cow Mr Horton sent his men with a load husked corn & put into cornhouse finished husking my half. J. Connelly finished hoosking corn in barn & packed away cornstalks on barn floor. he also brought up 2½ bushels potatoes making 10 bushels I engaged of him.

28. fair night & morning. heavy white frost & ice. Then clouded over & clouds all day wind SW. & West raw chilly. cleared up barn floor cut feed

29 Sunday 29 dy. Ground frozen & ice formed, rather cold chilly morning. fair fair calm sunny day milder in afternoon, wind northerly cut feed & locks wages 6,00 due to her credit. 6,00 due to C. Daly

1876 October 30. Monday 22 deg fair ground frozen & thick ice formed in trough. calm sunny day warmer in afternoon, wind Northerly. M. Horton brought over 1 load cabbages 116 head put into sheephouse sent over another load cabbages, left at cellar door. Mr Horton carted 2 load cornstalks from meadow into barn. putting away cabbages into sheephouse. & carried the other load down cellar. cut feed for cow paid for loaf Graham bread 10 cts. gave a Check on Northampton Bank for 120 dolls to D. A. Horton & receives his receipt.

31. some frost & ice. cloudy in morning. fair & sunny in afternoon wind south, mild pleasant. cut feed for cow. Sarah & W.P.B. went to Whately & found Marianne sick & confined to bed & under Doctors care. some fever & heavy cold. looking over apples in cornhouse

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November 1. Wednesday 40 deg fog calm no frost rather milder. cloudy calm slight shower befor night & in evening wind Westerly. cut feed for cow. dressing up seed corn saved by J. Emerly 7 strings. looking over apples in cornhouse Mr Park brought down 1 barrel Michigan flour & 8.00 enheaded it

1876 November 2 Thursday 50 deg fog & cloud calm mild came off
fair 60 deg cloudy wind south scarcely any breeze for several days
the sky & hills obscured by dry fog or vapor or smoky appearance no rain
hung up in cowhouse 7 strings Connellys seed corn clearing out husks
looking over pumpkins - carried away decayed pumpkins & apples
cut feed for cow, brought home ladder from Mr Hortons, went to get harness
3 cloudy mild clearing off wind NW & West fair fresh breeze
pleasant mild cooler before night, fixing step to cowhouse door
with old fence posts, putting away old plank in hogpen, cut feed for cow
4 fair some white frost wind NW cool pleasant mild weather, oiled
carriage wheels cut feed for cow, letter for Mr Henry Phelps, came here by
mistake, returned it to Mr Hortons. Sarah & W.P.P. went to Whately to see
Marianne & found her quite sick, Sarah wrote to Caroline from Whately
5 Sunday 32 deg fair morning frost cloudy calm mild about 50 deg paid Ralph 10 cts owing to him
6 - 28 deg fair heavy white frost & ice, cloudy in afternoon, windy raw
chilly doing chores, Mr Horton returned from Berkshire last Saturday
with cows for himself & me. Sarah & W.P. went to Whately, saw Marianne
much the same, or very slightly relieved. Mrs C. Bulfinch arrived in
evening. paid for loaf Graham bread 10 cts & loaf wheat bread 10 cts
7 rain in the night wet cloudy morning, wind NE, mild cloudy misty
wet day, no heavy rain doing chores put 3 bags corn rye & oats 4½ bush
H. Phelps arrived from Boston

1876 November 8 Wednesday cloudy day wind NE quite mild 44 deg
in morning cutting feed for cow Mrs C.P. Bulfinch & F. Phelps
went to Whately to see Marianne & found her a little more comfortable
9 - 44 deg cloudy calm mild wind NE fair in afternoon
pleasant wind NW. went over to Mr Horton for harness, brought
back spade & axe. Mr Horton sent home my waggon harness & iron
in afternoon carried to mill 4½ bushels corn rye oats mixed
grist ground & brought home paid the Miller for 1 bag bran 45 cts
bought of Mr Park 3 lbs crackers & 1 box salt —
10 - cloudy wind NE chilly wind, cause me to rain in afternoon
several hours, & in evening. put up 2 bushel rye, cut feed for cow
J. Connelly brought ½ cord dry hard wood, & another ½ at night.
paid Mr Kendricks bill for mdt to October 23 amount of Bill 64.67
paid him as follows 1 beef cow weight 658 lb value 46.06 & cash 18.61
settled Mr Kendricks account Bill 64.67. beef cow 46.06. cash 1861 - 64.67
11. Fair pleasant morning, calm mild wind North & NW. with clouds
cloudy afternoon & evening assisted F. Phelps in putting up order.
window to west window in parlor, & outer window to north window
in kitchen & putting away window blinds in woodhouse chamber
cutting feed for cow. began using cabbages for cow with other vegetables
Mrs C.P. Bulfinch went to Whately found Marianne more comfortable
& improving. J. Connelly delivered 2 loads dry hard wood. ½ cord each
making 4 cords dry hard wood at 6 dollars each 12 dollars paid him for
wood 12 dollars & also for 10 bushel potatoes at 80 cts 8.00 in all 20. dollars
paid Mr Park for 2 sticks black licorice 16 cts —
12 rain in the night & morning wind North & NE cloudy. cleared off partly fair
with clouds cloudy nearly all day. fair at night wind West
13 fair fine clear all day, mild wind West. put up another bag rye 1½ bushels
& sent to mill by Mr Horton team 3½ bushels rye. cut feed for cow
Mr Horton brought over 4 cows to be kept in my barn. paid for 1 loaf
brown indian bread 10 cts — & 1 loaf Graham bread 10 ct. clearing out barn
for my waggon shed & wheeling coal ashes down to meadow path.
14 cloudy mild wind North & NE cloudy slight rain afternoon cloudy Mr Horton
sent to mill 2 bags Connelly corn to feed to new cows brought home
the grist of cob meal & my grist rye meal. cut feed for cows cow
wheeled coal ashes down to meadow path —

1876. November 15. Wednesday. cloudy wet drizzly weather wind NE
raw chilly day very little rain wind NE cut feed for cow
cleaning out coal ashes — C.P.B. & W.F.P. went to Whately
16 fair clear calm cool, about freezing over in barnyard wind North
not much breeze, doing chores, cutting feed for cow.
looking over club accounts with F.P.
17 cloudy came of fair pleasant mild cutting feed for cow. looking over
club accounts. F. Phelps went to Northampton Bank, drew some money
by Check & brought home with Dividends.
18 — cloudy morning. frosty, water, skimmed over continued cloudy
all day wind NE raw chilly settled club accounts with F.P.
up to October total amount Club Expenses 316.76 divided by 3 shares
one third is 105.58 tax on house 17.64 one third of it 5.88 add to 105.58
makes each one share 111.46 including tax on house
Received Dividend from Northampton Bank for October 15 dollars 52.50
deducting tax 0.17. paid Sarah Phelps interest on my note for 6 months
Received from F.P. balance due me on club account 222.94 cash
advanced by me to defray current Expenses of family — also Received
Rail Road Dividend 10 dollars & Northampton Bank Dividend 15 dollars
19 Sunday mild cloudy wind NE slight rain in afternoon wind SE.
20 — rain in night & morning wind NE cloudy, cloudy heavy day raw
& chilly rain in evening, cut feed for cow, mending table
21 cloudy wind NE. windy. sent letter to Rev P. M. Bartlett
in afternoon Sarah & Mrs Bulfinch went to Northampton by
Express, cut feed for cow. loaned to Mr Horton 50 dollars
22 cloudy calm mild wind NE looked over harnesses. doing chores
cut feed for cow. F.P. went to Northampton by Express in afternoon
23 — heavy fog calm mild wind SE in afternoon. Sarah P. F.P. &
C.P. Bulfinch went to Whately to see Marianne. cut feed for cow.
24 — fair calm mild. wind blowing up from NW. brisk & cool
cut feed for cow. Mr Horton came over in afternoon with T. Welch. &
took up the barn pump & cleaned out barn well & drew in pail
a considerable quantity of mud, bricks stone & rubbish.

1876. November 25. Saturday, frost ground frozen ice formed. fair pleasant calm wind. NW went to North Hadley, brought of Mr Park kerosene apples. paid at mill for 2 bag bran, 80 cts. cut feed for cow Mr Hortons man brought over 1 load 14 bushel turnips, put in cellar

26 Sunday cloudy calm wind North cloudy day - cut feed for cow

27 - 22 deg heavy frost & ice 1/4 inch thick cloudy day, wind North or NE rather calm, snowing in evening. ~~at~~ cut feed for cow. sent by Ralph, to Mr Rices shop for bridle. shop closed, paid Ralph 10 cts paid for 5 gallons soft soap for family 1.00 paid Northampton ~~baker~~ to woodhouse for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts. Mr Horton carted 2 loads nut coal

28 snow fell in night about 1 inch. fair calm wind Westerly cut feed for cow - Mr Hortons man brought over 11 bushels turnips making in all 25 bushels

29 fair fine bright morning, calm wind Northerly frost & ice, cut feed for cow sent bridle to Northampton by Mr Pelkie to be mended. brought home at night. another bridle brought home from Mr Rice, not paid. Ralph drove down town in our buggy. to carry Mrs G P. Bulfinch to do some errands & get the mail - paid Ralph 50 cts

30 fair wind Northerly & NW. some wind in afternoon. ~~some wind in~~ with many clouds. cut feed for cow. Thanksgiving day.

Mrs G.P. Bulfinch & F. Phelps being at home. on account of Mariamne sickness, concluded to remain over Thanksgiving, paid G. Daly. wages due to her 37 dollars & settled her account to November 26 this amount 37 dollars in envelope, deposited in Sarah hand for ~~the~~ safe keeping

1876.

December 1. Friday 8 deg above 0, fair cold, wind North, raw, chilly windy day. cut fuel for cow. carried pumpkins into cellar also carried a few cabbages from shedhouse to cellar. covered over apples in carriage house & carried one pumpkin in entryway Mrs C. P. Bulfinch, & F. Phelps, left by Express, to take cars for Boston

2 - cold morning fair with clouds, wind north, cloudy at night cut feed for cow. carried apples from carriage house into cellar. carried bowl & plate to Mrs Hortons. also some newspapers. fuel

3 Sunday about 30 deg cloudy wind northerly, fair windy NW. cut

4 fair day with many clouds wind NE. chilly wind with snow-squalls. more calm in afternoon. Mr Horton took my horse to Amherst & got him shod all round paid 1.15. Mr Hortons man carted 4 loads maple & willow wood from our river bank to our woodyard. cut feed for cow. put up 1½ bushels rye. cleaning out coal ashes carried down to meadow path.

Some cloud, fair wind easterly quite clear sky in afternoon.

5 carried out coal ashes in forenoon cut feed for cow. T. Ford began sawing hard wood. Mr Hortons man carted some loads river maple & willow wood to our woodyard. used our horse to Hadley. paid by Ralph for mending harness 10 cts

fire in evening down Old Hadley. some said Sullivans house house

1876
December 6 – Wednesday fair clear cold calm, hard frost 11 deg.
sent by Mr Horton team 1½ bushel rye to mill. his teams drawing
some loads maple & willow wood, from river bank, some woodyard
cut feed for cow. nailing on loose boards to stable in cowhouse
T Ford worked to day sawing hard wood.
7 cloudy came of fair with some clouds calm. rather clearer in
afternoon wind south & SW pleasant cut feed for cow.
T Ford sawed & split hard wood. Mr Horton team carting
manure from barnyard to piece north side of path in meadow.
8 – fair with some clouds wind NW. some breeze comfortable day
cut feed for cow. T Ford sawed & split hard wood. fixed small box for Tools & nails
snow fell overnight 4 or 5 inches
9 commencing blowing in morning wind NW.
remarkable blustering wind & much damage done to buildings
snow flying & drifting all day & evening. shovelled away snow round
barn, cut feed for cow, in afternoon wind, shattered north barn door
went to see Mr Horton about it & got him to come over with his man
& repair damages. T & D. Ford finished splitting wood paid him
for sawing & splitting 2 cords hard wood. 400 dollars

1876 December 10 Sunday. fair wind NW. cold windy nearly
all day toward night subsided to a calm. snow nearly all driven
from fields & piled up in drifts under fences. doing chores
11 Mercury above 0 — an inch or two snow fell in night. cloudy day wind NE
cold cut feed for cow. doing chores. paid Mr Horton for mending
barn 2.00. Received from E. Porter a Renewed Policy of Insurance
on House & Barns & outbuildings 15.50 for 1 year
12 snow in the night wind NE, cold windy. a thin snow falling in
forenoon. cloudy calm in afternoon, shovelling snow about barn.
cutting out ice in trough, cut feed for cow. Mr Hortons team
2 loads
sledding wood from river bank. maple & willow wood cut 16 feet long
13 36 deg to day. in forenoon
fair mild red sky in east. mild all day. snow melting. began to
thaw wind south & SW. cutting ice in barn trough. cut feed for cow
14 cloudy day calm mild. about 36 deg in afternoon. cut feed for cow
doing chores. Mr Hortons team yesterday drawing several loads willow wood
15 cleared off about daylight wind NW blustering windy day fair
cutting feed for cows, doing chores, gave Ralph 15 lbs. calm at night.
16 south wind in night & morning. wind came round NW with violent
snow squalls. blustering wind & quite cold all day. cut feed for cows
17 Sunday. fair clear calm cold wind NW. sharp frosty air all day. cutting
out ice

1876 December 18 Monday began to snow in night & continued all day heavy snowstorm wind NE 8 or 10 inches fell & very cold storm shovelling snow cut turnips & pumpkins. mending mop handle.

19 fair calm frosty & cold, cleared off in the night wind south, changed to NW in forenoon, windy & blustering. snow flying drifting & filling up roads. shovelled snow about barn, Mr Horton assisted & shovelled away snow about pump & in barnyard. in afternoon used our horse & sleigh to North Hadley & down to post office.

20 fair calm, cold weather continues, wind Westerly. sent up oil can to Mr Parks by J. Connelly. cut feed for cow. paid C Porter for Renewal Policy of Insurance $5.50

21 cloudy wind NE. with thin sprinkling fine snow, about 1 inch, got in pumpkins from icehouse to cellar. sent oven oil can by Mr Horton to Northampton to be mended. no charge for mending. cut feed for cow

Mr Horton used our horse & sleigh, to Northampton.

22 cloudy calm, towards night began snowing fine sprinkling snow continued in evening, wind NE doing chores. cutting out ice. in trough cut feed for cow. Mr Hortons team drawing wood from river bank 2 loads C. Daly left for Conway. Ellen Butfinch arrived from Cambridge yesterday. received a bag from from mill not paid for. gave C. Daly a present $3.00 for her children.

1876 December 23 Saturday, snow in night wind NE 6 inches or more
cloudy morning, cleared off fair, wind NW some wind, not quite so cold
shovelled snow about barn paid Ralph for shovelling snow 25 cts
cleaning stable, paid for soft & hard soap for family 1.20. cut feed for cow
24 Sunday, fair cold calm wind NW. not windy, rather hazy atmosphere
25. cloudy day wind NW some wind, gave Ralph 200 present.
Received a Christmas present from Ralph, a nice pocketbook & pencil
Ralph & Nellie Horton, used our horse to go to Amherst carried one
one Ellen Bullfinch. Mr Hortons team drawing 1 load wood from river —
26. cloudy wind NE. came on a thin sprinkling snow till noon
in afternoon, thick cloudy, more moderate. Mr Belden & Marianne
came over to visit & dine & staid over night.
27 — about 14 deg fair calm with fog. fine fair winters day wind Westerly
Mr Belden & Marianne returned to Westboro this morning
Mr Hortons team drawing wood from river bank maple & willow
Mr Horton used our horse to go to Amherst. his men chopped in lane down buttonwood trees
6 deg below 0, at night 14 deg above
28. fair calm wind North & NE. rather hazy. Mr Horton team sledding
wood from river bank & from button wood trees in lane. cut feed for cow.

1876. December 29 ~~Friday fair calm wind North & NE~~

12 day above 0 cloudy wind NE began to snow before noon, continued

till night some hail & rain 5 to 6 inches snow, doing chores.

Mr Horton helped me, carried out water to barn & cleaned stable

Ellen Babcock left by Express, to take cars for Boston & Cambridge

30 cleared off in night wind blew up NW very blustering & squally.

Ralph assisted me to shovel snow in paths & about barn, paid him 25 cts

31 – Sunday very blustering & squally, wind NW in intermittent gale not very freezing

1878 – August 5 Monday heavy fog, ground covered with dew webs calm fair 82 deg in afternoon fine summer day wind south

6 – morning cloud calm warm & muggy cloudy wind SE & south, in afternoon a [illegible] [illegible] with some thunder & at night another shower with much rain & heavy continual thunder –

7 – morning fair & calm, wind NW fresh breeze

8 – fair bright morning calm, wind NW fine day but came on to rain at night & thunder shower Ralph brought over [illegible] late in evening – some more new potatoes – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down for [illegible] –

9 – cloudy calm thick [illegible] warm & muggy a small thunder shower afternoon wind South Mr [illegible] delivered 1 barrel flour –

10 – fair with clouds, gentle breeze, came off fine pleasant – cloudy about noon, wind west

11 – Sunday, cloudy calm, [illegible] came out warm & pleasant. Westerly wind light breeze clouds gathered in afternoon. [illegible] [illegible] with thunder came up [illegible]

12 – fair bright clear calm morning – fine pleasant day 78 deg, wind North or NW.

13 – fair [illegible] fog [illegible] fair with some clouds [illegible] sudden shower with thunder went to [illegible] with Ralph Horton down to [illegible] Cooks to see him about [illegible]

14 – foggy morning with dew webs, sun came out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Burke worked for Mr Horton [illegible] – yesterday & to day getting in [illegible] & over [illegible] – Mr Horton got in 7 load hay from [illegible] [illegible] –

15 – fair calm slight fog | paid yesterday for soap 1.25 — cloudy

paid Mr Cook [illegible] C. P. P. [illegible] 16.80 [illegible]
paid 111.28 C. Phelps – 100.63
5.85 11.73
[illegible] 5.65 5

1878 – August 16. Friday – cloudy calm wind south, cloudy all day & came on to rain at night moderate
17 – rain in night cloudy morning, calm warm muggy – cloudy in forenoon came off fair in afternoon wind south fresh a thunder shower came on just at night
18 – Sunday fog & cloud calm, came off fair wind N.W. much cooler
19 – fair & bright pleasant day with clouds wind westerly in morning, SE in afternoon Mr Alfred Belden arrived from Lawrence –
20 – fair with some cloud calm, wind northerly, sprinkling shower, watery clouds, ca another shower towards night Mr Horton team mowing no bogs west of ridge –
21 – fair bright morning calm wind blew up cool from North – in afternoon clouds & 2 showers Mr Horton team mowed west piece of bog meadow
22 – cloudy calm – fair with clouds, wind North or NE small showers. heavy watery clouds 70 deg morning 72 PM afternoon fair & pleasant
23 – Friday. heavy fog. fair calm pleasant fine day Sarah & Mrs E. S. Bulfinch Mr Belden & [illegible] went to Northampton in carryall –
24 – cloud & fog calm – fair pleasant in forenoon more cloudy in afternoon wind southerly.
25 – Sunday rain night cloudy morning wind [illegible] Easterly, in forenoon a small shower with thunder. cleared off in afternoon fair pleasant
26 – fog fair sun shining thro fog. – calm fair & pleasant wind South – fine cool day 72 d Mr Belden went to Amherst to bring home cigars & a box tobacco
27 – fog calm fair fine pleasant day, wind south or SW. – lent Ralph 1.00.

1878 - August 28. - Wednesday heavy fog & cloud came of fair wind Northerly pleasant day warm & calm. Ralph returned the dollar. Mr Belden went over to Whately with Fred Horton, about some tobacco

29 - fog fair calm warm - fine pleasant day

30 - fair bright calm warm pleasant day 80 deg in afternoon Mr Belden went to Amherst with Mr Horton in evening -

31 - fog & cloud calm fair fine day 80 deg wind south

1878 September 1. - Sunday rainy morning cleared off in forenoon bright sunny day, wind Westerly or S.W. lively breeze - in evening frequent lightning at N.W. & North but no thunder heard very warm day - sun rises 5.25 - sun set 6.34

2 - thick fog calm 80 deg came of fair warm about noon clouds in west & sudden shower in afternoon another shower with some thunder both [illegible] hot damp muggy weather calm wind south or S.W. Mr Horton cutting tobacco. dull weather -

3 - foggy morning calm. sun came out warm 70 deg - at noon above 80 south wind lightning & thunder in evening at North Mr B. Cook brought over & put up old clock charged for cleaning & repairing 2.50 -

4 - cloudy wind NE. 66 deg - cloudy all day Mrs C. P. Bulfinch went to Northampton by Express Mr Belden went to Easthampton with Mr Horton

5 - rain in night. cloudy morning wind NE. more rain in forenoon. held up cloudy calm bricks fell down chimney in ~~[illegible]~~ parlor & chamber

6 - fair bright calm, fine day wind Northerly or east. Mr Horton examined chimney & cleared out flue Mr Moody brought over new cooking stove & placed it with 3 new kettles - took away old stove & kettels -

1878 - September 7 - Saturday, cloudy calm
wind NE. cloudy day, rather chilly east wind -
Mr Moody came over with stove pipe, finished stove
8 - fair bright calm Sunday wind NE fine day
went to ride with Ralph paid 25
9 - fog fair calm some clouds pleasant day -
wind SE - Mr Benjamin Cook came over again
to fix the old clock - wind south
10 - cloudy morning, calm fair pleasant
wind southerly cloudy at night -
Mrs E.R. Bulfinch & Ellen Bulfinch left Hadley
by Express to take cars for Boston -
Mr Belden returned from Keene N.H. to Hadley
Mr Hortons team mowed down in meadow -
11 - cloudy calm, close heavy air, came out
fair warm calm sunny 77 deg cloudy towards
night slight rain Mr Hortons team began mowing
in meadow
12 - cloudy morning calm, came on to rain
afternoon wet showery, cloudy at night
Mr Belden went to Williamsburg & returned
A.D.P. arrived from Boston -
13 - fair with clouds, some wind, south
slight shower in forenoon, high south wind
driving clouds - shower in afternoon windy wet
14 - cleared off in night fair morning, calm
clear - fine cool breezy day, wind Westerly
Arthur D.P. & William went to Northampton by
Express - Mr Belden & Marianne went to Amherst
Mr Hortons men began tabling broomcorn in
in meadow, in afternoon carted rowen hay
from meadow 1 load to our barn
15 Sunday fair bright calm. wind
Northerly 62 deg strong breeze quite cool, less
wind in afternoon - very clear serene sunset
met with an accident Sunday evening
had a fall at east [illegible]

1878 September 15 Sunday bruised left arm & shoulder severely

16 – Dr Bonney called to examine my arm, ordered powerful liniment, sent for some

17 Dr Bonney called 2 time –

16 – Arthur & William went to Brookfield cloudy

19 September Arthur & Wm P returned home on Tuesday fair

A D. P. bought cider brandy 50 cts a pint

17 A D. P. bought tin tube at Amherst 10 cts

19 – A D Phelps bought lemons – 8 cts [illegible]

20 Arthur bought 1 pint cider brandy 50 cts

confined to chamber for some time, & omitted writing journal

September 28 Saturday fair day Arthur returned to Boston Sarah accompanied him

29 Sunday fair day W. P. & West went up to Church N Hadley

30 Monday cloudy day but no rain

October 1 Tuesday fog & cloud fair 52 deg

2 – 54 deg fog & cloud fair warm calm Cattle Show day at Northampton. Mr Parks bill 15.51 paid him in part 10 dollars, balance due 5.51

Mr Horton delivered 2 loads nut coal

3 – fair warm fine day – Mr Horton delivered third load nut coal in all 3 loads about 4 tons

paid Mr H for 1 pint apple brandy 50 cts

second Cattle Show day

4 – 48 deg fair day

5 – 42 deg fair fine day, Mr Belden gathered 10 bushels apples south of barn & on hill over east

6 – 48 Sunday cloudy calm fair wind NW windy in afternoon | over 2 leaves

1878 November 18 Monday 39 deg rainy
night & morning heavy rain wind NE
19 - fair calm pleasant cloudy calm
Mr Ford shelled corn yesterday
20 cloudy no rain
21 - mild cloudy & fog in morning cloudy all day
22 - rainy in night & morning wind NE mild
23 - dull wet weather cloudy calm mild
24 - Sunday cloudy fair wind NW with cloudy calm
25 - 33 deg cloudy calm mild heavy dull air calm
26 - fair wind NW windy
27 - 23 deg fair calm heavy white frost
28 - heavy rain in night cloudy morning fog
thick misty weather all day - Thanksgiving day
29 fair some wind in night calm pleasant morning
30 - fair day with some clouds calm wind NW
December 1 Sunday fair day W.P.P. went to church
2 - rainy day wind NE much rain
3 - fair with clouds - wind North or NW
4 rain in night & morning - snowstorm
cloudy wet damp day
5 fair with heavy clouds wind North
6 - fair clear wind North snow squall in night
sun came out in afternoon wind NW
7 - fair with clouds wind North raw chilly
in afternoon sun came out pleasant calm
8 - 13 deg Sunday, fair calm frosty wind NW
pleasant sunny day rather cold North wind

1320
70
924,00

1878 December 9 – 21 deg moderate snow
storm wind NE – snowed all day steady
light dry snow about 5 inches fell
10 – came on a warm rainstorm in the night
filled roads full of slush wind NE not cold
11 – fair some clouds, quite a freshet very sudden
meadows all covered. great damage done by storm
all over New England. – paid Mr C. Porter for
renewal policy insurance for 1 year in advance
from date – paid him 15 dollars + 50 cts
paid Mr Parks for candles. cough drops +
stamps 25 cts
12 – 33 deg – fair with clouds
13 – fair moderate wind NW & NW some
clouds paid for soft soap for family 60 cts
14 fair fine ~~snow~~ snowy day calm pleasant
about 32 deg in afternoon
15 – Sunday flurry of snow or hail in night
cloudy mild weather calm mild NW
16 – cleared off in the night fair morning wind NW
fresh calm cool cloudy
17 – 13 deg fair calm ice running in river
18 – 16 deg fair with some clouds calm
19 fair day wind NW rather cold + windy
20 – 19 deg fair day wind NW some wind
21 – 19 deg cloudy calm began snowing in afternoon. then
changing snow fell 2 inches
22 35 deg Sunday changed to rain in night dark
clouds, snow & sleet in forenoon. fair in
afternoon wind NW windy. Received of S.D. 200
on Osborns cement for hay

1878 - October 7 Monday 35 deg fog fair
pleasant - in afternoon warmer. wind S. cloudy
8 - 50 deg rain in night cloudy morning
fair in afternoon wind NW windy. cloudy
husking corn
9 - 50 deg cloudy wind south at night
shown wind W or NW paid for 1 pint
whiskey 50 cts
10 wind in night NW. fair windy 50 deg
cool windy day wind NW
11 - 38 deg fair calm wind NW cloudy
12 - 46 deg cloudy wind North.
13 - 48 deg Sunday windy night & day NW
14 - 42 deg still night fair calm
15 - 48 - deg fog or cloud fair wind S. warm
16 - 55 deg fog cloudy paid for cider brandy
50 cents & Pilkey 10 cts
17 - 59 deg cloudy warm
18 - 62 cloudy wind south fair
19 - 52 deg cloudy fair wind NW
20 - 42 deg Sunday fair wind NW windy
21 - 42 deg - fair calm pleasant.
22 - 36 deg - frost fog fair wind North - paid for
bottle olive oil 10 cts - porous plaster Benson's
25 cts - Received from Savings Bank 20.40
23 - 50 deg cloudy rainy wind NE 30 cts
24 - fair wind NW paid Mr Belden for drawers
25 - 44 deg fair fine day - paid A. Park for
2 gallons new cider 25 cts
26 35 deg fair calm - gave Mr Belden a small
present for his help & assistance in my lameness
got some apples at Mr Lanes. paid Mr Pratt 10 cts for apples

1878 - October 27 - 50 deg Sunday cloudy
wind south -
28 - 44 deg - rain in night, wind NW. fair
29 - 28 deg - frost & fog fair pleasant wind south
Mr Horton baling corn husks at barn
30 - 40 deg cloudy rainy wind NE. cloudy fog
31 - 40 deg - cloudy wet forenoon, fair in afternoon - Mr Horton team drawing husks &
coal, nearly 10 tons coal in all brought home

November 1 Friday 38 deg wind NW colder deg
2 fair pleasant wind south warm
3 - Sunday 46 deg cloudy fair wind North or NW
rather cold windy day
4 - 24 deg - fair calm some frost wind NW cold windy
5 - windy night fair day wind N or NW. Election
rather cold windy day came out
6 - 38 deg - cloudy fair calm, in afternoon, sun
7 - 22 deg - fair wind south, in afternoon NW
8 - fair wind NW cold day windy
9 - 30 deg - windy night fair wind NW, cool
10 - 34 deg Sunday fair windy cool pleasant
calm fine day
11 - cloudy calm
12 fair fine day warm
13 - 31 deg cloudy morning wind south, fair with
shower wind NW paid for oranges 6 cent
14 - 30 deg fair windy NW day
15 - 18 deg - frost & ice, ground frozen fair fine
16 - 21 deg - fair with cloud calm cloudy day
17 - 35 deg calm cloudy fair sun came out cloudy Sunday
begins rain in afternoon
turn back one leaf

1878 December 23 Monday 24 deg
fair fine day wind West or Northerly
24 16 deg fair cold wind North & NW windy
25 - 12 deg fair wind NW windy & some clou
Christmas day 27 deg
26 - 20 deg fair calm pleasant wind NW
27 - 18. deg fair with clouds wind North or NW
28 - 20 deg fair some wind Westerly
paid S.P. for my part of ale 135 cts
29 - 9 deg Sunday fair calm thin cloud
30 - 15 deg thin sprinkling snow wind NE
fair some clouds pleasant
Ellen Bulfinch left for ~~[illegible]~~ Boston
31 - 18 deg fair wind NW windy cold
in afternoon rather calm & pleasant

1879 April 5 Recd paymt of Mr Jewett for
1 jag hay 535 lbs at 50 cts cwt, deduct half
50 fee for weighing 5 cts 2.67½
2.81,50 2.62½

1879 January 1 Wednesday 13 deg
cloudy calm

2 began snowing in morning increased towards
noon cleared off at night with violent NW wind

3 - 1 deg above 0 cloudy thin fine wind NE
cleared off at night windy

4 - 13 deg fair windy

5 - 18 deg Sunday fair bright calm

6 - 13 deg fair bright calm sold soap 63 dec
7 - 2 deg above fair bright calm cold

8 - 3 1/2 deg cloudy snowing wind NE
cloudy day wind South all till evening

9 - 26 deg snowing some continued in night

10 - 15 deg snowstorm continued 8 inches snow
2 cleared off fair morning
fell rather calm quite windy day snow
flying some say fort snow

11 - 10 deg above fair calm sunny cloudy
in afternoon paid Mr Park for chamber
vessel 38 cts

12 - 4 deg 0 Sunday heavy white frost

13 at Zero white frost on trees cloudy
calm fair in afternoon F.S. from Boston

14 - 17 deg cloudy calm fair with clouds

15 - 11 deg fair some wind cloudy day

16 - just below 0 began snowing in night
wind NE continued in morning snowing
all day 10 or 12 inches cleared at 10 above

17 - 11 deg below fair calm pleasant cloudy

18 - 18 deg above snowing slightly wind NE

1879 January 19 3 deg above Sunday
fair calm clear received of S. P.
2.00 dollars on Osborn account for hay

20 - 20 deg - cloudy windy fair day

21 - 6 deg below - fair bright clear calm
cloudy

22 - 26 deg - mild cloudy fair mild
cloudy

23 - 22 deg sleet hail fair in afternoon

24 - 18 - fair bright sunny on roofs

25 - 29 deg cloudy fair mild snow melting

26 - Sunday 5 deg above windy night fair
day windy cold

27 - 3 deg above cloudy

28 - 34 deg cloudy mild thawing
[illegible] for Boston

29 - 30 deg fair wind North mild

30 - [illegible] above fair clear wind North

31 - 16 deg fair pleasant calm

1879 - February 1 Saturday 20 deg clear
fair wind North

2 - Sunday 10 deg fair cold windy

3 - 22 deg fair - fair pleasant some [illegible]

4 - 28 deg fair bright wind NW windy
paid Mr Park for jug cider 25 cts peppermints 5 cts

5 - 15 deg calm cloudy - in afternoon began to
snow, wind SE 2 men from North Hadley chopping up
[illegible] of a walnut tree blown down near old bridge
bridge place - paid them 2.80 for the job

6 - 22 deg calm mild thin clouds - 2 or 3 miles [illegible]

7 - 9 deg fair clear calm - Mr Belden splitting
[illegible] of walnut tree - [illegible] yesterday

1879 February 7 - Friday - Mr Kendrick
took away 2 beef cows
8 - 18 deg fair fine morning calm.
in afternoon wind N.W. windy cleaning up
broomseed about 80 bushels each
9 - 8 deg Sunday cloudy began snowing calm
10 - 4 deg fair clear calm paid Andrew
Breckinridge 25 cents for use of horse to go to mill
11 - 28 deg cloudy, in afternoon rainy wind SE
yesterday February 10. F Horton
sledded 2 loads stove coal weighing
5120 lbs @ 5.75 per ton paid by F. H.
12 - about 40 deg at 9 o clock rain in night
fair wind N.W. windy
13. - 24 deg fair, wind N.W. cloudy & windy cold
14 - 8 deg fair clear wind NW or North some wind cold
15 - 4 deg above - fair clear cold calm
16 - 3 deg above - fair clear calm Sunday +
17 - 17 deg 25 deg in afternoon rather raw chilly
cloudy wind N.E.
18 - 20 deg snowstorm in night wind N.E., 3 or 4 inches
cloudy morning wind N.E. windy
19 - 7 deg - cloudy snowy cleared off calm
fair pleasant mild. paid F Horton for coal
2 loads stove coal 5120 lbs at 5.75 14.72
coal delivered Feb 10. & money advanced by him
20 - began snowing early morning wind N.E.
continued steady snowing all day wind N.E.
paid for soap for family 63 cts [illegible]
21 - 13 deg cleared off in the night with high
N.W. wind fair sunrise cold windy day
snow filling up paths wind continued till into night
22 about zero [illegible] morning [illegible] calm all
fair morning then cloudy Feb 16 Osborn 2.00

1878 – February 23 – 13 deg Saturday fair calm pleasant day
24 – fair with clouds wind NW windy cold
Mr Belden hired horse & sleigh & went to Whitney
25 – 7 deg cloudy calm – snow storm began in afternoon
26 – 20 cloudy morning calm, foggy, thick atmosphere
27 – cleared off in night wind NW windy fair bright
28 – 2 deg below fair wind North or NW clear

March 1st 1878 – Saturday 3 deg above 0 fair calm with some cloud
2 – 28 deg – Sunday fair calm mild wind E some thin clouds cloudy at nights –
3 – fair pleasant wind North or NW
4 – 14 deg. fair calm foggy morning – fair wind NW windy cold, in afternoon wind SE cloudy
5 – 34 deg. fair quite mild, in afternoon windy & cooler, clear sunset –
6 – 9 deg cloudy calm cold. began snowing wind NE.
7 – 30 deg. cleared off in night 3 or 4 inches snow, fair wind NW quite windy, snow flying
8 – 10 deg – fair calm. pleasant day
9 – 29 deg. mild & thawing cloudy Sunday wind South, Obrin carried W.B.S. to church
10 – mild thawing weather fog in morning cleared off fair in afternoon calm & warm.
11 – cloudy foggy thick weather calm mild snow melting. poor sleighing
cleared off fair before noon wind North or NW windy
Mr Belden & Ralph divided broom brush in

1879 - March 12 - 25 deg Wednesday fair
wind NW cool breeze with clouds
Mr Pelkey sent down team & took away my
part of broom brush - Mr Hendricks men
took away 4 beef cows to Amherst
13 - freezing in the night & thawing day some
fair with clouds wind NW some wind
14 - cloudy morning calm mild cloudy day
F. P. arrived from Boston
15 - 29 deg - fair NW wind - windy
16 - 21 deg fair Sunday calm pleasant
17 - 23 deg snow storm wind NE
paid Ralph 50 shelling corn ½ day
18 - 16 deg cleared off in night corn ½ day 50 cts
fair clear calm clear
19 - 6 deg - fair cloudy rather calm, not perfectly
20 - 12 deg - fair calm pleasant thawing
21 - 26 deg cloudy fast south side thin sprinkling snow storm
22 - fair calm mild cloudy in afternoon
wind SE. began snowing thin light
paid for soft soap 62 cts
23 - 25 deg - Sunday - hail in night cloudy calm
fair wind northerly snow melting on roofs
24 - fair bright calm cloudy afternoon
25 - cloudy calm fair cloudy fair pleasant. -
26 - 28 deg fair bright calm
27 - slight flurry snow in night cloudy morn
28 - 34 - cleared off with North West wind
cloudy, thawing —

1879 March 29. Saturday, cloudy calm
30 - Sunday - snow fell in night 2 or 3 inches
cleared off in morning fair, pleasant calm
31 - Monday, fair but cloudy wind N.W
blustering windy day - rather cold weather

1878. June 27 – Thursday morning cloud, calm. sunshine, hazy on the hills wind south, warm day 87 deg in afternoon cloudy & a thunder shower by mid night Mr Horton mowed patch west of main ditch & carted beyond bars into cowhouse – mowed garden

28 – cleared off in night fair bright morning calm fair day with heavy clouds, wind south, every little wind, not a good hay day Mr Horton mowed piece still & garden & got in to our barn some hay. perhaps 10 or 12 loads –

29 – fair calm serene – not much wind – quite warm day. 88 deg – Mr Horton got in 6 our barn, about 18 cart loads hay

30 – Sunday some fog, fair calm warm heavy dew, fair calm all day, very sultry 90 deg

July 1. Monday fair calm warm 76 deg Morn 90 deg at noon, sultry weather no wind all day. washing clothes paid for 1 loaf Graham 8 1/2

2 – fair warm calm, rather hazy. warm sultry day – 90 deg wind south. paid Mr Parks bill for 3 month 58.64 – paid for soft soap 83 cts & box hand soap 7 – in all 91 cts

3 – fog & calm. fair day. warm & sultry 92 deg slight breeze from south washed clothes. F. Horton put on padlock to ice house door –

4 – fair, some morning cloud, calm fair warm cloudy before noon, wind south or SE afternoon some thunder moderate shower rain cloudy – more rain at night Mr Horton mowed hook corn in Top lot – All quiet in the 4th July

5 – fair with some fog – calm fair warm wind Northerly 75 deg in afternoon fresh breeze about 8 deg 76 deg Mr Horton had cart on Top lot – cultivated corn on hill west & cultivated buckwheat in meadow,

6 – fair calm cooler wind Northerly hazy – cooler weather 76 deg not much wind

7 – Sunday – fair, thin hazy cloud calm wind South 67 deg – very calm & hazy –

8 – fair calm wind southerly some breeze, hazy 90 deg P.M. Caroline. Ellen B & Marianne arrived from Boston. Mr Horton mowed over east of ridge & got in 1 load hay to our barn –

9 – fair calm warm day, 90 deg at nine o'clock clouds coming from NW in afternoon cloudy cannonade to west some time with thunder

10 – foggy morning calm fair warm, some breeze wind South. Clouds gathering, early in afternoon a sudden shower. cloudy intervals then after very heavy black clouds & hard shower with high wind from North at 4 PM – Mr Horton team mowed in bog north of lane & lot north of barn –

11. July 11. – Fair calm fine morning – some clouds in afternoon, very little wind all day Mr Horton got in hay mowed yesterday & several loads to our barn from land down east in orchard east of Top lot – south south of lane & lot north of barn all rather light crop – paid 25 cts

12 – fair with light clouds wind Southerly & NE clouding over before noon, calm about 80 deg already afternoon, growing misty towards night fair yesterday 81 Relief for servants 25 cts Mr Horton mowed hollow west of road, began to rain before night & some rain evening –

13 – fair with thin morning clouds, rather calm fair, wind NE fresh cool. calm sunny afternoon. Mr Horton cultivated Brown corn & corn in Top lot

14 – Sunday fair & calm with some light clouds wind Sunny day, wind south. Some breeze 85 deg in afternoon afternoon

15 – fair & calm & wind North some breeze 80 deg in afternoon Mr Horton mowed grass south of path in meadow & got in to our barn several loads hay from piece south of path in meadow & some further west of road paid for 1 loaf rye bread of baker 12 cts. –

sun rises 4.37 – sets 7.35 – days decrease 18 minutes

1878 - June 6 - Thursday, fair calm
wind North & NW fresh breeze cool windy
56 deg — Sarah & Marianne rode to N Hadley
in forenoon mending foot stool. Copied
journal —

7 - fair bright calm clear, warm pleasant
wind South & Westerly fine day, about 68 deg
8 - cloudy calm in forenoon - in afternoon
heavy rain & in evening - much rain -
9 - cleared off in night fair & calm with
clouds - (Sunday) fair afternoon some wind NW
10 - 58 deg cloudy rainy, wind NE chilly - in
afternoon cloudy, not much rain since morning -
11 - cloudy calm, wind, easterly. in forenoon,
in afternoon rainy, with showers wind NE
Ralph took up iron shovel to be mended
12 - cloudy foggy calm - sun came out, cloudy
about noon - in afternoon some thunder &
small shower. fair at night, 58 deg about noon,
Mr Horton took away 1 load hay from barn
paid Mr Park for 2 lemons 5 cts —
13 - thick fog - calm. fair with clouds, wind
westerly, 68 deg - pleasant day, cool fresh air
rode South Mr Horton over east to Bishop Huntington
lot, top of hill. Pleasant ride - Ralph brought home
iron shovel mended by Mr Pratt. mending clothes
14 - fair bright morning calm & clear. fine day
74 deg. mending clothes
15 - fair some fog, calm fine day 78 deg, at
night wind easterly, fair
16 - Sunday cloudy calm fair. then cloudy
afternoon wind South & SE. 78 deg, cool breeze
17 - cloudy calm - thick atmosphere on hills
came on to rain in morning - wind southerly
cleared off before noon, sun came out, cloudy
afternoon - E West returned from Easthampton —
Mr Horton cultivating corn on low lot. —
18 - cloudy calm. wind easterly 64 deg —
sun came out in afternoon, wind South -
E. West returned to Easthampton - paid Mr Park
for 1 box Herricks pills 20 cts —
19 - thick fog, fair calm - clear fine summer
day, little wind. Mr Horton & men cultivated
& hoed corn on low lot & broom corn in meadow
20 - fair bright & calm fine summer day 80 deg
paid for 1 bottle Jaundice bitters 20 cts -
Mr Horton men hoeing broom corn in meadow
Mrs C. Daly with her children Hannah & Martin
called here to see Sarah
21 - fair at sunrise, then morning cloudy calm
came out fair in forenoon, pleasant wind South warm
80 deg - Mr Horton got on hay from river bank
in meadow - 2 loads to our barn. paid Mr Park
for 1 loaf Graham bread 10 cts -
22 - fair then morning cloud. light breeze
South, more cloudy & more wind. looks rainy
began to rain before noon, continued in
afternoon wind easterly 66 deg - rainy evening
23 - cleared off in night fair morning with some
Sunday - cloud calm, fine pleasant warm
southerly breeze - 77 deg - went to ride with
Mr Horton down town & home by east street
24 - fair bright clear & calm. heavy clouds
gathering wind south - in afternoon suddenly
showers, then sun came out - mending clothes
Sarah & Marianne went to Northampton (our horse
25 - fair some wind NW fresh cool some clouds
about 70 deg - rather windy afternoon —
Mr Horton got in coarse hay from river bank next
to bushes & mending clothes, looking over papers
26 - fair morning calm pleasant & cool fresh
breeze Westerly & NW - Mr Horton mowed grass
& got in hay from east swale, 1 or 2 loads to his barn

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from A.S.P.
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from A.D.P.

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Farm Journal—

January 1. Tuesday hard frost, fair bright calm mild pleasant Ralph used our horse to go to school. carried up barrels corn to ear & brought home to our barn bag meal. borrowed horse to go to Amherst Yesterday Mr Flertons team drew several loads wood to our wood yard cut on river bank — soft wood

2 - Cloudy, calm moderate light sprinkling snow falling soon melted

3. Sprinkle snow in night fair morning wind North or NE. bright & clear wind light from North or NE. air calm & cold. ground in north yard white with snow all day. Ralph used horse to take children to school Mr Park sent down by him paper prunes 3 lb.

4 - 8 deg above 0 - cloudy wind NE. a snowstorm began in forenoon 4 or 5 inches snow fell wind NE. ended at night with slight rain in evening & a crust on snow

5 - 28 deg above, cloudy, came off fair wind NW rather blustering. colder growing first sleighing this winter. Ralph used the horse to go to Hadbrook brought home E. West. & afterwards carried Ella down town

6 - Sunday 8 deg above, calm & cold bright sun, but no thawing any where

7 - 10 deg below 0. heavy hoar frost on trees. some fog from river clear bright sunshine wind from NW. cold day too cold to thaw any where.

1878. January 7 Ralph used horse to go to school & wanted him in
evening — Mr Horton took away a cow & calf been keeping here
& left over another cow in her place
8 - 14 deg below o fair calm hazy cloud rather cloudy in
afternoon too cold to thaw much
9 - 10 deg above cloudy calm, fair, bright sun pleasant, not so cold
10 - 24 deg cloudy wind NE. some wind & cloudy all day, mild
in afternoon rain at night.
11 - raing night & wet morning, much water standing in yard
sleighing rather poor, held up in forenoon & clearing off at night
wind NW some breeze 39 deg —
12 - fair with clouds, moderate, fresh breeze, NW mild pleasant,
Ralph used our horse to go to Northampton
13 Sunday fair bright calm fine pleasant day wind light & North
Ralph used our horse to go to Hadley in evening to do an errand
14 - began in night to snow but turned to rain dark cloudy at morning
raing wind East or NE mild, continued till noon, in afternoon
began to break away, fair & clear bef Sunset
15 - 36 deg fair with clouds, wind NW wet & windy fair day but cloudy
Mr Horton used our horse to go to Northampton
16 - 15 deg about 9 o clock fair bright wind NW rather cold windy day
17 - 2 deg above o fair some thin clouds calm & cold wind North fair in
river
afternoon cloudy at night. Mr Hortons man George sawed wood green wood from
north side woodhouse

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January 18 – 14 deg above 0 in morning fair calm cold. clear sunny day, bright & calm not warm enough to thaw much

George sawing wood north side woodhouse

19. fair some hazy & cloudy before noon calm. cleared off before noon, quite mild & pleasant in afternoon, 36 deg. Mr Park sent down paper nails

Mr Horton removed contents of privy box, down onto his lot

20 – 26 deg Sunday fair at sunrise. calm & cloudy all day 39 deg in afternoon, misty & wet toward night

21 – foggy misty night with slight rain, same weather continued morning & forenoon mild calm cloudy all day 42 deg in afternoon. sent by Mr Pelkie a small clock to Northampton to be repaired. Mr Horton carted wood from woodlot on mountain to our wood yard

22. 36 deg cloudy calm mild wind Westerly, came off fair with some clouds pleasant afternoon, wind Westerly mild.

23 cloudy wind NW, very windy cold blustering day snow all gone about here Western hills white with snow, the air full of dust & sand, rough weather

24 6 deg above 0 fair some wind. more pleasant. in afternoon wind raw & chilly southerly ground frozen. no thawing. F. P. arrived from Boston.

1878. deg

January 25 – 23 deg fair mild calm pleasant day wind south or SW 35

Mr Hosten & men cutting down trees, chopping branches, & sawing large logs of button wood trees in lot north of barn

Received letter from Rev P. M. Bartlett, enclosing Check for 50 Dolls

26 rain fell in night & wet morning pools water standing in north yard mild wind NE. cloudy afternoon clearing off at night in evening, wind southerly

27 37 deg Sunday fair wind NW bracing weather, mild & cloudy, snowing

28 flurry snow in night ground white, cloudy morning mild came off fair before noon wind NW in afternoon cold & windy muddy traveling

F.P. went to Northampton by Express, sent Mr Bartlett Check for 50 dolls by F.P. to Northampton Bank, to receive money & keep in his hands

paid for hoar hound candy 10 cts. Ralph used one horse to go to Amherst wrote letter to Mr Bartlett

29 – 8 deg above 0 – fair cold calm wind North or NW some wind 20 deg above in afternoon calm at night. Ralph used horse for school Sent letter to Mr Bartlett Tennessee

30 – 6 deg above fair clear calm all day wind NE. light 18 deg above

31 – 10 deg above, cold cloudy wind NE raw chilly began snowing 2 o'clock some wind. Storm continued all night

1878 February 1 Friday 25 deg, storm continues till noon then sprinkling snow. 28 deg in afternoon cloudy

2 – 40 deg above fair bright clear. wind North nearly calm fine
Mr Horton began drawing ice ice from mill pond to our icehouse & also shovelled off snow from gutters on house roof – Ralph borrowed our horse to
Mrs Horton to go to Northampton

3 – 6 deg below 0 Sunday fair clear calm wind easterly

4 – 8 deg below 0. fair cold calm, some hazy clouds arised NW fine pleasant
Ralph used horse to carry W.P.P. Eliza West & Ada to North Hadley
turned over & broke sleigh

5 – 2 deg below 0 fair calm cold more hazy Mr Hortons team drawing ice. 28 deg in afternoon, finished filling our ice house. 12 oo due

6 – 2 deg above 0 fair calm cold hoar frost on trees fine pleasant day calm 32 deg in afternoon. Mr Horton put in straw to ice house. & sledded wood from button wood trees West of barn. Mr Pelkie brought home small clock from Northampton paid for repairing 75 ct. also paid
total 145
W. Porter for 1 bottle medicine 50 ct. paid Mr Pelkie for both errands 20 ct

7 – 20 deg above fair calm very mild sunny day thawing some 45 deg in afternoon

8 – 20 deg fair calm mild hazy, in afternoon 40 deg cloudy, rain in evening
F.P. went to Northampton by Express

9 rainy night & morning wind NE mild. water standing in yard cloudy in afternoon & at night calm – Ralph used our horse to go to mill with waggon. brought in cobs to house, scattered ashes on ice. north day gathered up wood in woodhouse

1878 February 10. Sunday snowing in night & morning damp
snowy snow. wind easterly. water in yard not frozen quite mild
cloudy misty, fine sprinkling snow almost turned to rain wind NE
11 - cloudy morning a little sprinkling of snow. about 4 inches snow fell
clearing off in forenoon fair pleasant afternoon. wind NW mild
snow melting some — H.P. went to Northampton by Express. — Mr Horton's
team brought home 1 sled load wood from mountain wood lot cut & split
Ralph used our horse to go to North Hadley in evening —

12 - 6 deg below 0 fair clear calm wind Northerly pleasant, in afternoon hazy
calm & cloudy mild. Mr Horton sledded wood from mountain to yard

13 - 20 deg fair morning wind southerly, cloudy came out fair
wind NW some breeze thawing south side. Mr Horton team sledding
wood from mountain to our yard. H.P. left Hadley by Express to

14 - fair clear, wind NW. good breeze cool. fine day.
Mr Horton team sledding wood chestnut from mountain wood lot to
our woodyard

15 below 0, fair calm, cold frosty morning wind North, pleasant
day, hazy in afternoon. Mr Horton team sledding chestnut wood
old trees from mountain woodlot to our woodyard

16 - 36 deg fair calm, very pleasant day, mild snow melting
advanced money to Mr Horton in payment for getting ice, sawing wood
& furnishing milk. gave him 10 cts to buy newspaper

1878
February 17 Sunday fair morning. cloudy calm moderate wind easterly, nearly calm mild 40 deg in afternoon cloudy day began snowing towards night, fine sprinkling snow.
18 20 deg – 2 inches snow fell last evening. cleared off in night fair morning. wind NW windy clear sky, snow melting south side
19 – below 0 fair bright calm pleasant in afternoon. Mr Hortons team carried grain to mill & brought home jag wood
20 cloudy calm began sprinkle snow in forenoon wind south. thin fine snow in afternoon mild 32 deg. Mr Belden & Marianne came to dinner
21 cloudy thick weather calm mild slight rain in forenoon wind easterly mild, snow melting. eaves dropping.
22 – cloudy misty rain sleet hail, wind south mild rain at night
23. 36 deg cloudy mild, calm cloudy day
24 Sunday fair with clouds wind North & NW windy mild & thawing, sunshine in afternoon, snow thin. poor sleighing.

1878 February 25 Monday cloudy fair wind NW rather cloudy day occasional sunshine, growing colder, in evening windy

26 - fair wind NW, some wind. fine cool breeze fresh clear air Wm Horton repaired bedstead in east attic. took down bedstead in chamber over wash room & carried up into east attic. his team sledded manure from barnyard. over east onto tan lot. paid him 50 cts

27 - fair bright calm wind north fine day. Ralph used my horse to go to mill & to Hadley

28 fair calm mild hazy above 40 deg. as pleasant day as any day this month

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March 1 Friday fair cold windy North & NE wind, in afternoon more calm & pleasant - sun rises 6-36, - sun sets 5-50, days increase 2-11

2. 28 deg fair. thin hazy clouds calm ~~calm~~ mild cloudy & sunshine wind south, cloudy at night, rain in evening

3 - Sunday rain in night & cloudy thick misty morning calm mild wet misty day some rain. some lightning with distant thunder & winds night - clouds breaking away in evening starlight

1878 March 4. cloudy wind North & NW some wind. rather mild fair with heavy clouds. NW windy bad travelling ice in river breaking up. starting & moving along slowly

5 - fair wind North & NW fresh breeze. ground some frozen - clear sky sunny day cool muddy in afternoon. Ralph used horse to go to mill. got him to grease waggon wheels & carried wood upstairs to my room - paid him 25 cts day

6 cloudy wind south raw air, mud frozen in morning, mostly fair all some clouds. Mr Hutons team brought some bags meal to our barn

7 - cloudy thick foggy calm mild wind south no frost. fair. cloudy in afternoon & at night.

8 - fair bright sunrise calm mild wind North & NW. some breeze 56 deg warm pleasant day clear sky —

9 - fair & calm wind North & NW fine day muddy travelling 36 deg in afternoon splendid Spring weather

10 - fair bright calm. muddy roads some frozen, bad travelling, Sunday warm sunshiny day wind Northerly river all open 64 deg

11 - cloudy wind NE. came on to rain towards night

12 - cloudy wind easterly, rain in afternoon, river rising

13 - snow in night ground white. cloudy thick weather, wind NE. raw chilly all day, snow melting, not quite gone. received note from F. P. in letter to Sarah

1878
March 14 - Thursday fair wind North or NW some clouds
mild wind fell cloudy afternoon. Alfred & Marcianne came
over to Hadley with trunks & boxes, to stay a few days
15 - fair fine fresh breeze NW roads muddy 44 deg at noon
Mr Belden went to Northampton by Express returned at night
16 - 29 deg - ground frozen fair fine day wind North or NW light bree
17 - Sunday cloudy calm mud frozen wind easterly rain in afterno
rain & snow at night wind NE 35 deg in afternoon
18 - 38 deg cloudy raw chilly wind NE misty on hills fair in
afternoon calm & pleasant Ralph used our horse in evening to N Hadley
Mr Horton borrowed an old fashioned over coat for man Northam
19 fair wind North or NW cool windy roads muddy travelling bad
river full not overflowing
20 fair Northerly breeze some clouds cool fair in afternoon
raw windy day NW
21 - March. Thursday, fair. ground frozen hard & rough, cold raw air
thin cloud, wind Westerly gusty sometimes calm
22 - 24 deg fair bright clear wind North or NW some wind ground
frozen
23 - fair with some cloud. calm mud frozen mild pleasant wind south
24 - Sunday. cloudy foggy calm mild, in forenoon came on sprinkling rain
windy
in afternoon wind came round West cleared off with clouds cool &
came to see W.P.P.
25 - 12 deg fair wind NW blustering day. in evening wind fell Dr Bonney
26. 30 deg fair wind NW some breeze, cool & pleasant
S.W.
27 - cloudy wind SE some sprinkling rain. in afternoon cloudy, wind

1878

Ralph used our horse to go to Amherst. Mr Horton's team drawing shingles for cowhouse, men putting up staging north side cowhouse

Mr Belden came over from Northampton with Mr Abbot Deputy Collector

paid Dr Bonney for 2 visits 3.00

28 - cloudy & foggy day wind North mild & calm some rain in afternoon
Mr Hortons men began shingling north side cowhouse

29 - cloudy calm mild fair wind North or NW strong breeze

30 fair bright clear calm wind West or NW good breeze afternoon fine
Mr Hortons men shingling North side cowhouse

31. Sunday cloudy calm - afternoon fair calm mild pleasant

April 1. Monday cloudy calm mild wind North. fair afternoon windy bill
50 deg morning

Mr Hortons men shingling south side cowhouse. Received Mr Hendricks

2 fair calm pleasant wind NW cool afternoon cloudy cold raw wind

gave Mr Park a Check for 50 dollars in part payment of his bill 53.77

Mr H. L. Phelps & Miss Nellie Horton wedding to day at Mr Hortons house
sent to her a small present from Marianne & myself

T. Ford worked 1/2 day trimming hedge in garden, paid him 75 cts

3 - fair wind North or NW cool breeze pleasant day. Mr Hortons men shingling south side cowhouse. went over to Mr Hortons to see the presents

Mr Abbott Deputy Collector called to get an affidavit to property as bondsman

1878

April 4. Friday cloudy wind North or NE mild. men finished shingling cowhouse except ridgeboards & lightning rod

5 – cloudy wind North or NE. some breeze, some sprinkling rain in afternoon cloudy wind North or NE windy raw chilly. Mr Horton & F. Horton finished cowhouse, putting on new ridge boards, fixing & setting up lightning rod in west yard taking down staging planks boards & poles. Jim & Ralph raked up leaves

6 – rain in night cloudy drizzling rain wind N.E. nearly calm; Ralph carried 2 bags provender to mill. brought home 1 bag to our barn. in afternoon carted 1 load leaves from west yard & brought home 1 by Ralph from J. Ford

7. Sunday cloudy morning. cleared off before noon. windy NW cool in afternoon with clouds

8 – fair calm clear, wind NW fresh breeze fine day. gave 1.00 to buy cloth for shirts for F. Wright

9 – fair bright calm wind south. some clouds in afternoon, mild warm

10 – cloudy calm, thick on hills wind south or SE. chilly. cloudy all day

11 – cloudy misty thick. ground wet. mild wind North Fast day. wind NE. 52 deg. rainy afternoon

12 – cloudy calm fair with clouds. Ralph sawed wood, got out ashes on ten lot

13. fair bright fresh breeze NW cool 50 deg. in afternoon less wind, at night calm Dr Bonney called to see W.P.S. Sarah P. Marianne & Wm P. went to Northampton by Express. walked down to meadow. small picket – such part of meadow enclosed – came up north of path – were in further hollow

1878. April 14. Sunday fair wind Westerly windy cool. many heavy clouds in afternoon. fair & clear at night —
15 – fair clear calm. very fine & pleasant wind NW – 62 deg
16 – cloudy calm wind easterly or SE. mild —
17 – cloudy mild came on rain in forenoon wind SE. in afternoon cloudy – clouds lifting up. & breaking away fair in evening. F. P. arrived from Boston
18 – cloudy calm mild fair pleasant. wind North or Westerly. raking together old shingles north side cowhouse
19 – fair bright calm pleasant day mild. wind NW. 70 deg. settled club accounts with F. Phelps picking up old shingles north of barn paid for soft soap for family 30 cts —
20 – fair wind North. thin clouds. sprinkling rain in afternoon cloudy wind south. F. P. went to Northampton Bank in forenoon. sent over by him Bank books to be balanced — Mr Horton men carted off brush of button wood trees in north lot. & old shingles north of cowhouse. & leaves under pine trees West yard —
21 – Sunday strong wind West or NW clear sky with some clouds
22 fair fine calm pleasant in forenoon — in afternoon some clouds in evening sprinkling rain wind easterly. F Horton finished plowing piece south of garden. & harrowed it. Tim carted rails over east & mended pasture fence. Received from F. P. 431. 83 —
23 – rain in night, wet misty morning. cloudy day wind easterly
24 – cloudy thick fogy calm mild, cloudy all day. wind easterly —
25 – cloudy wind southerly, small showers in afternoon – evening rainy paid Mr Kendricks Bill 79. 23.
26 – cloudy light wind south. fair in forenoon – cloudy in afternoon
27 – cloudy calm, ~~fair pleasant~~ in afternoon some rain & in evening. F. P. went to Northampton by Express. Mr Hortons team carting manure onto lan lot. Ralph carted brush & leaves from West yard to brush heap — Dr Bonney called to see W. P. P.

1878. April 28 - Sunday - rain the night, cloudy misty morning
calm, rain in forenoon, wind NE, continued in afternoon & evening
29 - cloudy calm fair quite pleasant, in afternoon ~~fair quite pleasant~~
cloudy, wind SE. some thunder, rain towards night & in evening
paid Ralph for work carting from West yard under trees
30 - rain in night roads wet & muddy, cloudy thick weather, rainy
wind easterly — river up in meadow, lower part south end partly covered

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May 1 - Wednesday cloudy calm. — in afternoon fair mild, —
Staked up picket fence from house to street — Mr Horton's team
plowing up on sidehill over east, next to woods — his man took a load
swale hay from scaffold in our barn, carried to his barn. put ½ barrel salt
2 - fair calm some clouds & fog, wind Westerly, good breeze rather warm
mending fence at barnyard near ~~Sheephouse~~
3 - fair pleasant light air, warm 80 deg, some hazy wind south ~~sold to~~
Mr Horton drove his cows to Sunderland 23 - sold his cows to a man
to pasture. harrowing piece on hill over east, carting manure from pile
4 - fair calm pretty warm cloudy barnyard down to meadow north
wind south smart shower in afternoon warm muggy then windy treacherous
~~fair~~ night. Mr Horton team carried ashes from cellar & carted manure
from barnyard to meadow on hazel east. Ralph carried bag provender to
mill — went up with him for a ride
5 - Sunday cloudy calm, rainstorm began wind SE heavy flow. slight rain in
afternoon cloudy high wind 62 deg shown at 5 o'clock, cleared off in evening
6 fair calm cool, some clouds, fair cool fine breeze, grinding hatchet
mended thick glass window in cellar door with putty
7 - fair bright calm, cool cloudy fair, light wind, Mr Horton's team plowing
in meadow north side. one man carting a few loads manure from barnyard
to meadow — Sarah P. — Marianne B. — F. P. & Wm P. went to Amherst
Mr Prouty came & took up house pump, examined box & put on new
leather to lower valve, F P. paid him 50 cts

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May 8 Wednesday fair bright calm fine day, wind West warm in afternoon. fixing fence SW corner garden. F. Horton plowing in garden

9 - cloudy calm. began to rain before noon, rainy afternoon, wind Easterly T. Ford worked ½ day. mending picket fence from piazza to street put in some new posts

10 - fair fine clear calm wind NW fresh breeze ~~fresh breeze~~ cleaning up brush heap, grinding hatchet, pumping water -

11 fair calm clear wind NW raw cold, Ralph harrowed piece in meadow

12 - Sunday fair cool, wind NW windy, heavy clouds raw chilly

13 - fair calm clear 40 deg very pleasant wind Westerly some breeze cool with clouds - put more putty on cellar window. frosty morning

14 - fair clear calm. generally cloudy. wind Northerly or NW. some breeze. chilly. picking up brush under pine trees & carried to heap - Mr Hortons man planting broom corn in meadow north of path

15 - cloudy cool chilly, some wind cloudy day wind NE. T. Burke planting broomcorn in meadow. carried out chips & rubbish from woodshed onto brush heap in bogs & burnt. Sarah paid G. Shipperley & Wm Brakenridge for shaking carpet & moving parlor stove 25 cts each, gave Ralph 30 cts to buy cucumber seeds, also summer squash. beans lima pole beans. Mr Horton & Ralph planted patch on brush heap in bogs

16 - fair clear calm - blowing up fresh breeze from NW with clouds cool day pleasant. T. Burke planting broomcorn in meadow. mending trellis at north back door. mending handle of pitchfork. copying journal -

17 - fair with some clouds calm pleasant, rather warmer to day wind North copying journal. T. Burke. planting broomcorn in meadow. north side

18 - fair clear calm fine day wind northerly - in afternoon easterly sent a shoe by Mr Pelkie. mended at Mr Blake. paid Mr P. 25 cts paid for quantity of hard & soft soap for family 1.00

19 - Sunday fair clear wind Northerly cool. wind SE in afternoon cloudy cool 74 deg. cloudy dark evening.

20 - cloudy calm began raining moderately about noon. wind southerly or SE. cloudy in afternoon. not much rain wind SE.

May 21. Tuesday, rain in night, cloudy morning calm mild. fair in afternoon Mr Hortons man spread manure on tan lot & harrowed it in. looking after missing hay forks. found 2 in coolhouse. another fork still missing Mr Horton sent over three 4 bushels potatoes on Monday May 20. put in cellar

22 - fair morning cool fresh breeze wind North or NW. fine cool windy. 58 deg Mr Horton harrowed tan lot with wheel harrow & planted corn south of garden. cleaned out cow stable & cleaned up shovel & other tools on tan lot

23 - fair cool bright windy NW fresh breeze. cleaning tools. men planting corn

24 - fair bright calm clear fine day, wind NW cloudy at noon - fair in afternoon. wind easterly or SE. 70 deg

25 - fair bright morning. calm. cloudy & fair variable, fair at night mending clothes & copying poloroad

26. Sunday fair calm some thin cloud, wind southerly cloudy. came on to rain a while in forenoon, cleared off fair in afternoon wind NW. Sarah, Norman & William went to Church North Hadley

27 fair calm clear wind NW fresh breeze 68 deg

28 - fair bright calm wind NW some breeze 72 deg fine day. Mr Horton took a horse load hay from our barn. sent by Ralph, manure fork to Cliffords Shop to have new handle, paid 10 ct & Ralph 15 ct

29 - fair calm pleasant. wind NW some breeze. cloudy at night

30 - cloudy calm, began raining in morning cloudy wet misty day, wind easterly, not much rain. cleaning out cattle manger under hovel. calm mild

31 - cloudy wet misty morning - calm some rain in forenoon. - in afternoon cloudy. not much rain. wind NE all day - mended broken flow in north alley under hovel.

1878. June 1 - Saturday - fair clear wind NW fresh breeze, wind NE. fair & windy. mended floor in North alley in barn -
sun rises 4.26. sun sets 7.29. days increase 6.9
2 - Sunday fair bright morning - slight breeze in afternoon
cloudy at night warm
3 - fair & bright warm day. wind south about 80 deg - paid Mr Park for 1 small bottle black ink 5 cts - 2 skeins brown thread 5 cts
a piece of board of floor fell into house well. tried to get it out -
Mr Horton men took away 1 horse load hay from our barn -
Mr Park brought 1 barrel flour & unheaded it
4 - fair with clouds calm warm day, about 80 deg wind south or SW
windy some clouds in afternoon ~~some~~ - in evening some lightning & thunder no rain
5 - fair thin clouds calm - wind blowing up North or NW cool breeze
paid for soft soap 30 cts, 8 cts due
6 - fair calm wind North or NW fresh breeze cool windy 56 deg -
Sarah & Marianne rode to N. Hadley in forenoon. mending foot stool for pew
7 - fair bright calm clear. warm pleasant. wind North or Westerly. 68 deg
8. cloudy calm in forenoon. in afternoon heavy rain, & in evening much rain
9 - Sunday, cleared off in night fair calm with clouds, fair some wind NW
10 - 50 deg - cloudy rainy, wind NE, chilly - in afternoon cloudy, very little rain
11 - cloudy calm wind easterly - in afternoon rainy - Ralph took up shovel
12 - cloudy foggy calm, sun came out, cloudy about noon in afternoon some thunder & a smart shower. fair at night 58 deg about noon. Mr Horton
took away 1 horse load hay south mow. paid Mr Park for 2 lemons 5 cts.
13 - thick fog calm fair with clouds, wind Westerly 68 deg. pleasant cool
took a ride with Mr Horton out Amherst road to top of hill. Ralph brought
home shovel mended by Mr Prouty. mending clothes
14 - fair bright clear morning calm. fine day 76 deg. mending clothes -
15 - fair some fog, calm fine day, 78 deg, at night wind easterly fair
16 - Sunday cloudy calm fair then cloudy afternoon wind South or SE
cloudy calm. thick atmosphere on hills, come on 78 deg cool breeze
to rain in morning, wind southerly cleared off before noon. sun came out
cloudy - E West came from Easthampton - Mr Horton cultivating corn on tan lot

1878 June 18. cloudy calm wind easterly 64 deg. sun came out in afternoon wind south - E. West returned to Easthampton — paid Mr Park for 1 box Herricks pills 20 cts

19 thick fog fair calm clear fine summer day. little wind Mr Horton & men cultivated & hoed corn on tan lot & broomcorn in meadow —

20 - fair bright & calm pleasant summer day 80 deg - Mr Horton men hoeing broomcorn in meadow - paid for 1 bottle Atwoods jaundice bitters 2d Mrs C. Daly with her children Hannah & Martin called to see Sarah & the family —

21 - fair at sunrise. then morning cloud calm. fair in forenoon wind south warm 80 deg - Mr Horton got in hay from river bank in meadow 2 loads to our barn - paid Mr Park for 1 loaf Grahnam bread 10 cts

22 fair. then morning cloud. light breeze from North, more cloudy & more wind, looks rainy. began to rain before noon, wind easterly 66 deg. rainy afternoon & evening

23 - Sunday cleared off in night fair morning with some cloud calm pleasant cool southerly breeze 77 deg - rode down town with Mr Horton to Mr Mason's & home by way of East Street & E Chapins —

24 - fair bright clear calm, heavy clouds gathering. wind south. in afternoon several sudden & short showers. then sun came out. mending Sarah & Marianne went to Northampton with our horse buggy & Mr Hortons

25 - fair - fresh cool breeze NW some clouds about 70 deg windy afternoon Mr Horton got in coarse hay from river bank next to bushes. looking mending clothes. over papers. deeds & insurance policies

26 fair morning calm pleasant. cool fresh breeze NW. Mr Horton mowed grass in east swale & got in 1 or 2 loads hay to our barn

27 - morning cloud calm, sunshine hazy on hills, wind south warm 87 deg in afternoon cloudy & a thunder shower before night Mr Horton mowed swale west of ditch, & carted several loads hay to cowhouse

28 - fair in night, bright morning. fair day many clouds wind North Mr Horton mowed piece south of garden. got into our barn 1 or 2 jags hay

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June 29 - Saturday fair calm serene. quite warm day 88 deg
Mr Horton got in to our barn 1 or 2 jags hay
30 - Sunday. some fog heavy dew fair calm all day, sultry 90 deg.

July 1 - Monday fair calm warm 76 deg in morning. sultry weather
no wind 96 deg at noon. mending clothes. paid 1 loaf Gr 10
2 - fair warm calm, hazy sultry wind south 90 deg. paid Mr Parks
bill for 3 months 58.64 - paid for soft soap 8 3 lb. bar soap 7 lb 90 cts
3 - fog & calm fair day sultry 92 deg light south breeze, washed clothes
E. Horton put pad lock onto ice house door
4 - fair some morning cloud. calm cloudy before noon. wind SE. south
afternoon some thunder, moderate shower cloudy more rain at night
Mr Hortons men hoed corn on tan lot. no guns or bells. on 4th July
5 - fair with some fog calm fair warm wind Northerly 75 deg. in afternoon
fresh breeze 76 deg. Mr Horton hoed corn on tan lot. cultivated broom
corn in meadow. also corn on hill over east
6 - fair wind Northerly cooler weather, hazy 76 deg wind light.
7 - Sunday fair. thin hazy cloud wind South 67 deg. calm & hazy
8 fair calm wind southerly some breeze hazy. 90 deg in afternoon -
Mrs C. P. Bulfinch, Ellen B. & Marianne B. arrived from Boston -
Mr Horton mowed piece over east of ridge. got in 1 load hay to our barn
9 fair calm warm 90 deg at 9 o'clock. clouds come from NW. in afternoon
cloudy. came on to rain some time with thunder
10 - foggy morning calm fair warm some breeze wind south, clouds
gathering, early in afternoon a sudden shower, cloudy interval. after
wards heavy black clouds came over & hard shower with high wind from
North & NW. Mr Hortons team mowed bogs north of lane & lot north of barn
11 fair calm fine morning. some clouds in afternoon little wind all day
Mr Horton got in hay mowed yesterday several loads to our barn. from land
over east in orchard & east of tan lot & swale north of lane & lot north of barn
all rather light crop. paid Ralph for currants 25 cts

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July 12. Friday fair with light clouds, wind northerly or NE.
clouding over. before noon calm about 80 deg, cloudy afternoon
weather growing ~~towards~~ misty ~~towards~~ night. Mr Horton Mowed
(~~hollow west of road~~) begun to wain before night & rain in evening
hollow west of road

13. fair with thin morning clouds rather calm fair wind NE fresh & cool
calm sunny afternoon Mr Horton cultivated broom corn in meadow tan & corn lot on

14 - Sunday fair & calm some thin clouds. warm & sunny wind south breez 85 deg in af

15. fair & calm wind North some breeze, 80 deg in afternoon
Mr Horton mowed grass south of path in meadow & got in to our barn
several loads hay from piece south of path in meadow, from hollow west of
road, paid baker for 1 loaf rye bread 10 ct - sun rise 4.37 sunset 7.35 - 10

16 fair calm rather cool & hazy in forenoon, good hay weather in afternoon
wind south - Mr Horton mowed Belden lot in forenoon & piece south
of path in meadow in afternoon by Ralph & carted several loads hay to our barn.

17 - cloudy calm wind south. some breeze, in afternoon clouds breaking
away sun came out 78 deg. Mr Horton got in 1 load rye from Belden lot
& got in several loads hay to our barn, from piece south of path in meadow &
also from interval in lower meadow. rode out with Mr Horton after sunset on Amherst road

18 fair very calm warm sultry day 92 deg wind south. in afternoon breeze
from North or NW. afterwards calm. Mr Horton mowed down in lower
meadow or interval & carted 2 loads hay to our barn

19 - fair. calm heavy close air, warm night 84 deg in morning, clouds gathering
moderate shower fell, fair & hot afternoon Mr Horton got in 1 jag rye from Belden lot

20 - fair wind North or NE. cooler air, fine day NW - in afternoon wind south
83 deg. Mr Hortons team got in 2 or 3 loads coarse hay from river bank 30 cl
to our barn or cowhouse - paid Mr Park for 1 bottle Elwood Jaundice bitter

21 - Sunday cloudy calm 70 deg. clouds broke away, sun came out. cloudy again
before 3 o'clock sudden shower fell with thunder hail & furious wind. then
cloudy fair at night. cooler -

1878 - July 22 - Monday fair cool wind blowing up strong NW blustering cool many heavy clouds, nearly overcast 70 deg midday

23 - fair breeze from North or NW quite strong fresh & cool fine day calm. in afternoon warm 78 deg still & pleasant -

24 fair with slight fog calm fine day 80 to 83 deg wind Northerly rather smoky atmosphere

25 - fair very calm. wind southerly 84 deg at noon some clouds somewhat hazy. Ralph brought over new potatoes

26 - cloudy, calm south wind blowing up fresh 78 deg. cloudy all day - in afternoon high south wind

27 - rain in night, cloudy morning calm. cleared away in forenoon fair afternoon wind Westerly 82 deg. settled accounts with Mr Horton. Bill for milk furnished to family from January 1. 1878 to July 1. 78. 6 months amounted to 21.84 charged to F. Phelps Mr H. account for shingling cowhouse 15 M. shingles 37.50. drawing 5.00. nails 110 lb 5.50 ridge boards 2.00 - labor 22.50 whole expense shingling 72.50 — fertilizer furnished for farm 2300 lb phosphate 41.00 making in all 113.50.

	113.50
Deduct Credit to C. Phelps. 3.50 overpay & profit on cows 46.00	49.50
	64.00
paid Mr Horton on F.P. account 21.84 - & on C.P. acct 64.00	21.84
	85.84

28 - Sunday fair calm clear fine day wind NW 77 deg - 79 deg in afternoon

29 - fair fine clear wind Northerly fresh breeze. in afternoon somewhat hazy or cloudy calm, quite cloudy at night. no good view of eclipse —

30 began raining in night wet morning, continued nearly all day, wind E. or SE. Mr Hortons men threshed rye, & cleaned up 12 bushels.

31 - cloudy calm. T. Jenkins moved east & west yard -

1878 - August 1. Thursday. rain in night heavy cloud. dark morning
calm cloudy day, wind southerly, 72 deg one gleam sunshine. some
rain before night with thunder — Mrs Horton carried out Ellen B.
to Amherst — sun rises 4.52 - sun sets 7.19 days decrease 49 minute
2 - fair sunrise calm. pleasant day wind south 76 deg some clouds
& slight shower in afternoon J. Jenkins & W. Brakenridge, tended
hay on west & east yards, making 1 jag hay, taken away by Brakenridge
3 - fair bright calm 82 deg very pleasant. a few clouds, wind Northerly,
in afternoon calm & warm.
4 - Sunday fair calm warm. afternoon cloudy with thunder. heavy
clouds passed over from West. very slight rain here. 82 deg forenoon
afternoon about 70 wind Westerly
5 - heavy fog. ground covered with dew webs, calm fair 82 deg in
afternoon. fine summer day. wind south
6 - morning cloud calm rather warm & muggy. cloudy. wind
SE. or South. in afternoon a moderate shower with some thunder
& at night another shower with much rain & heavy continual thunder
7 - morning fair & calm. wind NW fresh cool breeze fine day.
8 - fair bright morning calm wind NW fine day. came on to rain
at night. heavy thunder shower in evening, tempest in Connecticut &
various other places. Ralph brought with some more new potatoes —
9 - cloudy calm thick close warm & muggy. a small thunder shower
afternoon wind south — Mr Park delivered 1 barrel flour
10 - fair with clouds, gentle breeze, came off fair & pleasant. cloudy at noon wind West
11 - Sunday cloudy calm. sun came out warm & pleasant. wind
Westerly light breeze, clouds in afternoon, thunder shower came off fair
12 - fair bright clear calm morning. fine pleasant day 78 deg wind
13 - fair some fog calm. fair with clouds. afternoon sudden shower NW
with thunder &. went to ride with Ralph to Enos Cooks house to see h
14 - foggy morning with dew webs. sun came out warm. J. Burke worked for
Mr Horton yesterday & to day getting in wind to our woodshed. Mr Hortons got in
1 load hay from river bank. paid for soap for family, 2 jars & 1 cake 1.25

1878 August 15. Thursday fair calm slight fog cloudy. paid Mr Cook taxes. the tax on C.P.P. Estate & family Homestead — 16.50 discount 5 per ct
tax on C. Phelps farm & buildings 100. 63 discount 5 per ct. amount of taxes 117.13
deducting discount on C.P.P. Estate reduces the tax to 15.67½ paid & tax bill receipted
deducting discount on C. Phelps tax reduces 6 95.60 paid & receipted, both taxes 111.28
16 — cloudy calm wind south cloudy all day. came on to rain at night moderate
17. rain in the night cloudy morning calm warm muggy cloudy in forenoon. came off fair in afternoon wind south. good breeze & thunder shower came on towards night & evening —
18 — Sunday fog & cloud calm. came off fair wind N W — much cooler
19 — fair & bright pleasant day with clouds wind Westerly in morning wind S.E. in afternoon Mr Alfred Belden arrived from Lawrence
20 — fair with some clouds calm wind Northerly sprinkling shower watery clouds another shower towards night Mr Horton's team mowing top
21 fair bright morning calm, wind blew up cool from North, in afternoon clouds & two showers Mr Horton's team mowed west piece top meadow
22 cloudy calm, fair with clouds, wind North & NE small showers heavy watery clouds. 72 deg in afternoon fair & pleasant —
23. thick fog. came off fair warm & calm very pleasant day. Sarah P. Mrs C.E. Bullfinch. Mr Belden & Marianne went to Northampton southerly
24 — cloud & fog calm, fair pleasant in forenoon, more cloudy in afternoon. wind
25 — Sunday rain night cloudy monday wind easterly in forenoon smart shower with thunder, cleared off in afternoon fair pleasant —
26 fog fair, sun shining thro fog. fair calm very pleasant, wind south, fine cool day 72 deg. Mr Belden went to Amherst to bring home cigars & box of tobacco
27 — fog calm fair fine pleasant day wind south & S.W. lent Ralph 1.00
28 — heavy fog & cloud, came off fair, wind Northerly, pleasant day warm & calm Ralph returned the 1.00. Mr Belden went over to Whately with F. Horton
29 — fog fair, calm warm fine pleasant day
30 — fair bright calm warm pleasant day 80 deg in afternoon. Mr Belden went to Amherst with Mr Horton in evening
31 — fog & cloud calm fair fine ~~day~~ day 80 deg wind south. —

1878 September 1 Sunday rainy morning cleard off in forenoon bright day wind Westerly or SW quite breeze — in evening frequent lightning SE NW & North no thunder heard very warm day — sun rises 5.25. Sets 6.36

2 — thick fog calm 80 deg — came off fair warm about noon clouds in West a sudden shower came up in afternoon with thunder afterward another shower with some thunder, hot damp muggy weather calm wind south or SW — Mr Horton cutting bluces, catching weather

3 — foggy morning calm sun came out warm 70 deg at noon above 80 South wind, lightning & thunder in evening at South — Mr B Cook brought over & put up old clock. charged for cleaning & repairing 2.50

4 — cloudy wind NE 66 deg. cloudy all day. Mrs C P Bulfinch went to Northampton by Express — Mr Belden went to Easthampton with Mr Horton

5 — rain in night cloudy morning wind NE, more rain in forenoon, held up cloudy calm — a few bricks fell down chimney in south parlor & chamber

6 — fair bright calm, fine day wind Northerly or east. Mr Horton examined chimney & cleared out flue. Mr Moody brought over new cooking stove & set it up in washroom with 3 new kettles & zinc under stove, & took away old stove & kettles

7 — cloudy calm wind NE. cloudy day, cool east wind. Mr Moody came over with stove pipe & finished fixing stoves — him 25 cts

8 — Sunday fair bright calm, wind NE, went to ride with Ralph & paid

9 — fog fair calm some clouds pleasant day wind SE — Mr Benjamin Cook came over again by request to fix the old clock. wind south

10 — cloudy morning calm fair pleasant wind southerly, cloudy night. Mrs C P. Bulfinch & Ellen B left Hadley by Express to take cars for Boston. Mr A. Belden returned from Keene NH to Hadley. Mr Hortons team mowed grass down in meadow

11 — cloudy calm close heavy air. came out fair warm calm sunny 77 deg, cloudy towards night slight rain. Mr Hortons team mowing in

12 — cloudy morning, came on to rain, afternoon wet & showery meadow cloudy at night. Mr A. Belden went to Williamsburg & returned A. D. Phelps arrived from Boston.

1878
September 13. fair with clouds. some wind south. slight shower in forenoon. high south wind driving cloud shower in afternoon windy & wet
14 - cleared off in night fair morning calm clear fine cool day wind Westerly - A.D. Phelps & W.P.P. went to Northampton by Express. Mr Belden & Marianne went to Amherst. Mr Horton's men began tabling broom corn in meadow. in afternoon carted down hay from meadow 1 load to our barn —
15 - Sunday fair bright calm wind Northerly 62 deg strong breeze quite cool. very clear sunset - in evening fell at east door on the bricks walk & severely injured left arm & shoulder
16 - Dr Bonney sent for to examine shoulder & arm prescribed a strong liniment - sent over to Amherst by A.D.P. for liniment
17 Dr Bonney called 2d time. about this time. to day & yesterday Arthur & William went to Brookfield & returned next day
A.D.P. bought 1 pint cider brandy for my arm paid 50 cts - tin tube 10 cts
19 - Arthur bought some lemons paid 8 cts — 18 cts
20 - Arthur bought 1 pint cider brandy paid 50 cts. confined to chamber for some time & omitted writing journal
September 28 Saturday fair day. A.D.P. returned to Boston Sarah P. accompanied him
29 - Sunday fair day - W.P.P. & E West went up to Church at N. Hadley
30. Monday cloudy cloudy day but no rain —

October 1 Tuesday fog & cloud fair 52 deg
2 - 54 deg fog & cloud fair warm calm. Cattle Show at Northampton first day. Mr Parks bill 75.51 paid him in part 70 dollars balance due 5.51 Mr Hortons team delivered 2 loads nut coal
3 - fair warm fine day. Mr Hatons team delivered 3 load nut coal in all 3 loads or about 4 tons. sent by Mr Horton for 1 pint cider brandy paid him 50 cts, second Cattle Show day

1878

October 4. Friday 48 deg fair day

5 – 42 deg fair fine day Mr Belden gathered 10 bushels winter apples north of barn & on hill over east

6 – 48 deg Sunday cloudy calm fair wind NW windy in afternoon

7 – 35 deg fog fair pleasant. in afternoon, warmer, wind south, cloudy

8 – 50 deg rain in night cloudy morning fair in afternoon wind NW windy. Cloudy, husking corn

9 – 50 cloudy wind south at night shower wind North & NW paid for ½ pint whiskey 50 cts

10 wind in night NW fair windy 50 deg cold windy day NW

11 – 38 deg fair calm wind NW cloudy

12 – 46 deg cloudy wind North

13 – 48 deg Sunday windy night & day NW

14 – 42 deg still night fair calm

15 – 48 deg – fog & cloud fair wind south warm

16 – 55 deg fog – cloudy. paid for cider brandy 50 cts Pelkey 10 cts

17 – 59 deg cloudy warm

18 – 62 deg cloudy wind south fair

19 – 52 deg cloudy fair wind NW

20 – 42 deg Sunday fair wind NW windy

21 – 42 deg fair calm pleasant

22 – 36 frost fog fair wind North paid for olive oil 10 cts paid for plaster 25 cts — Received from Saving Bank 20.40

23 ~~deg~~ 50 deg cloudy rainy wind NE

24 fair wind NW paid for second hand pair drawers 30 cts

25 – 44 deg fair fine day, paid Mr Park for 2 gallon new cider 25 cts

26 – 35 deg fair calm paid Mr Belden 5.00 paid Mr Park for apples 100

Mr Lane gave a few bushels apples to Mr Belden & fed out to crew

27 – 50 deg Sunday cloudy, wind south

28 – 44 deg rain in night wind NW fair –

1878 October 29-28 deg Tuesday frost & fog fair pleasant
wind south - Mr Hortons men baling husks at barn
30 - 40 deg raing wind NE cloudy fog & cloud
31 - 40 deg - cloudy wet forenoon fair in afternoon
Mr Hortons teams drawing coal from Northampton & husks
for baling. got home to our woodhouse nearly 80 tons coal

November 1, Friday 38 deg wind NW colder weather
2 - fair pleasant wind south warm
3 - 46 deg cloudy fair. Sunday, wind NW, rather cold windy day
4 - 24 deg fair calm some frost. wind NW cold & windy
5 windy night, fair day wind North & NW. State Election windy cold
6 - 38 deg cloudy fair calm, in afternoon sun came out
7 - 22 deg fair wind south in afternoon NW
8 - fair, wind NW cold day
9 - 30 deg windy night, fair day wind NW cool windy
10 - 34 deg Sunday fair some windy. cool pleasant calm fine day
11 - cloudy calm
12 - fair fine day warm
13 - 30 deg cloudy morning wind south fair. a shower rain wind NW
14 - 30 deg fair wind NW windy paid orange 6 ct
15 - 18 deg - frost & ice ground frozen fair fine day
16 - 21 deg fair with clouds calm cloudy day afternoon
17 - 35 deg Sunday cloudy calm fair sun came out cloudy, rain in
18 - 39 deg rainy night & morning heavy rain. wind NE yesterday
19 - fair & calm pleasant cloudy calm. Mr Ford worked 1 day shelling corn
20 - cloudy no rain
21 - mild cloudy & fog in morning, cloudy in afternoon
22 - rain in night & morning wind NE mild
23 dull wet weather cloudy calm mild
24 - Sunday cloudy fair wind NW clouds calm at night
25 - 33 deg cloudy calm mild. heavy dull air calm

1878 November 26. Tuesday fair wind NW windy
27 - 23 deg fair calm heavy white frost
28 - heavy rain in night, cloudy morning fog thick misty all day
Thanksgiving day
29 - fair, some wind in night calm pleasant morning
30 - fair day with some clouds calm — wind NW —

December 1 Sunday fair day W.P.P. went to church with Ryan
2 - rainy day wind NE, much rain
3 - fair with clouds, wind North & NW
4 - rain in night & morning some snow cloudy wet damp day
5 - fair with heavy clouds wind North
6 - snow squall in night - fair clear wind NW
7 - fair with clouds wind North raw chilly in afternoon sun came out
8 - 13 deg Sunday fair calm frosty wind NW pleasant sunny pleasant day, rather cold wind North
about 5 inches fell
9 - 21 deg moderate snowstorm wind NE snowed all day light dry snow
10 came on warm rain storm in night, roads full of slush wind NE & E
11 - fair some clouds, sudden freshet, meadows all covered, much damage caused by the thaw in rivers in New England — Paid Mr E. Porter for renewal policy of insurance 15.50 for 1 year in advance from date
paid Mr Park for candies, cough drops, &c 25 cts.
12 - 33 deg fair with clouds
bought 60 cts
13 fair moderate wind North & NW some clouds paid for soft
14 - fair fine sunny day calm pleasant, about 32 deg in afternoon
15 - Sunday flurry of snow or hail in night, cloudy misty thick mild
16 - cleared off in night fair morning wind NW fresh cool windy
17 - 13 deg fair calm ice running in river
18 - 16 deg fair with some clouds calm
19 - fair day wind NW rather cold windy

1878. December 20 - 19 deg Friday fair day wind NW, ~~some~~ windy
21 - 19 deg cloudy calm began snowing in afternoon, thin snow, fell 2 inches
22 - 35 deg Sunday changed to rain in night sloppy cloudy morning
snow squall in forenoon. fair in afternoon wind NW windy
Received of S. Phelps on Osborn's account for hay 200
23 - fair fine day 24 deg wind Westerly or Northerly
24 - 16 deg fair cold wind North or NW windy
25 - 12 deg. fair wind NW windy & some clouds. Christmas Day 27 deg
26 - 20 deg fair calm pleasant wind NW
27 - 18 deg fair with clouds wind North or NW 35 cts
28 - 20 deg fair wind Westerly - some breeze paid S.P. for my part ale
29 - 9 deg Sunday, fair calm thin clouds
30 - 15 deg thin sprinkling snow wind NE fair with some clouds
pleasant Ellen Bulfinch left Hadley for Boston
31 - 18 deg. fair wind NW, windy cold, in afternoon more calm & pleasant
finished Journal for 1878 — — — — — — — — —

1879
January 1 - 13 deg Wednesday cloudy calm
2 - began in morning, increased towards noon cleared off
at night with high NW wind windy
3 - 1 deg above 0, cloudy thin fine snow wind NE cleared off at night
4 - 13 deg, fair windy
5 - 18 deg. Sunday fair bright calm
6 - 13 deg fair bright calm cold bought soap 63 cts due
7 - 2 deg above & fair bright calm cold
8 - 22 deg cloudy, snowing wind NE, cloudy day, wind south
9 - 26 deg. snowing wind NE, till evening
10 - 15 deg snowstorm continued in night & cleared off fair morning
8 inches snow fell, a short calm, quite windy day wind NW, snow
flying - some say foot snow fell.

1879
January 11. -10 deg Saturday fair calm, sunny Sunday in afternoon
paid Mr Park for chamber vessel 38 cts
12 - 4 deg above 0, Sunday, heavy white frost
13 - about Zero, white frost on trees cloudy calm fair in afternoon
F. Phelps arrived from Boston
14 - 17 deg. cloudy calm, fair with clouds.
15 - 11 deg. fair some wind
16 - just below 0. began snowing in night, wind NE continued in morning & snowed all day 10 or 12 inches, cleared off about 10. o'clock
17 - 11 deg below 0, fair calm, pleasant cloudy before night
18 - 18 deg - snowing slightly wind SE.
19 - 3 deg above, Sunday fair clear calm. Received of S. Phelps 2.00 on Mr Osborns account for hay
20 - 20 deg - cloudy, came off fair day, windy.
21 - 6 deg below 0, fair bright clear calm, cloudy
22 - 26 deg. mild cloudy fair with clouds
23 - 22 deg - sleet hail, fair in afternoon
24 - 18 deg fair bright morning
25 - 29 deg - cloudy fair mild, snow melting on roofs
26 - 5 deg - Sunday windy night fair day windy & cold
27. - 3 deg above - cloudy day
28 - 34 deg cloudy mild thawing F. Phelps left Hadley for Boston
29 - 30 deg - fair wind North mild
30 - 4 deg above fair clear wind North
31 - 18 deg fair pleasant calm

1879 February 1 - 20 deg Saturday fair wind North
2 - 10 deg Sunday fair cold windy clear.
3 - 22 deg - fair fine pleasant day some wind
4 - 28 deg - fair bright. wind NW. windy - paid Mr Park for jug of cider 25 ct & peppermints 5 ct
5 - 15 deg - calm cloudy - in afternoon began to snow wind SE. 2 men from North Hadley worked 1 day chopping & sawing up a walnut tree blocon down near river bank, at old bridge place paid them 2.50 for the job -
6 - 22 deg, calm mild thin clouds 2 or 3 inches snow yesterday Mr Belden began sledding coalnut tree wood
7 - 9 deg. fair clear calm. Mr Belden finished sledding wood from coalnut tree & piled in woodhouse Mr Kendrick took away 2 buf cows
8. 11 deg, fair fine morning calm, in afternoon wind NW windy Mr Hortons men cleaning up broomseed about 80 bushels each
9 - 8 deg. Sunday cloudy calm began mowing to mill
10 - 4 deg, fair clear calm paid at Brakebridge 25 ct for horse hire
F Horton sledded 2 loads stove coal weighing 5120 lb @ 5.75 per ton
coal bill paid by F Horton & payment now due him 14.72
11 - 28 deg cloudy in afternoon rainy, wind SE
12 - about 40 deg, at nine o clock, rain in night fair windy NW
13 - 24 deg fair wind NW cloudy windy cold
14 - 8 deg fair clear wind NW to North some wind cold
15 - 4 deg above, fair clear cold calm
16 - 3 deg above, Sunday fair clear calm, 25 deg in afternoon
17 - 17 deg, cloudy wind NE rather raw chilly day
18 - 20 deg, snowstorm in night, wind NE 3 or 4 inches cloudy wind NE windy
19 - 7 deg, cloudy morning sprinkling snow came off fair calm pleasant
paid F. Horton money advanced by him 5120 lb at 5.75 - 14.72 stove coal for coal

1879. February 20. Thursday. began moving early morning.
wind NE. continued steady moving all day wind NE.
Paid for soft soap for family 63 ct. filled 2 jars
21 - 13 deg - cleared off in night with high wind NW. cold windy
snow drifting & filling up paths. wind continued till night.
22 about zero - morning fair, quite calm & still, afternoons cloudy
23 - 13 deg - Sunday, fair calm pleasant day Osborn home
24 - fair with clouds wind NW windy cold. Mr Belden went to Whately
25 - 7 deg - cloudy calm - began to snow in afternoon
26 - 20 deg - cloudy morning calm foggy thick, began to rain in afternoon
27 - cleared off in night, fair morning, wind NW windy, clear & bright
28 - cloudy thick foggy weather, mild calm, snow melting fair in
afternoon wind North or NW windy but not cold. Dr Bonney

1879.
March 1. Saturday 3 deg above 0, fair calm with some clouds
2 - 28 deg. Sunday fair calm mild wind E some thin clouds. cloudy at night
3 - fair pleasant wind North or NW.
4 - 14 deg calm foggy morning fair, wind NW windy cold wind SE cloudy
5 - 34 deg fair quite mild, in afternoon windy & cooler clear sunset
6 - 9 deg cloudy calm cold, began snowing wind NE
7 - 30 deg cleared off in night 3 or 4 inches snow fair wind NW
quite windy snow flying & drifting
8 - 10 deg fair calm, pleasant day Sunday 3
9 - 29 deg Sunday cloudy mild, thawing wind south Mr Osborne 3
10 - cloudy & foggy mild thawing weather calm mild snow melting, fog in
morning, in afternoon cleared off calm & warm
11 - cloudy foggy thick weather calm mild snow melting poor sleighing
cleared off fair before noon wind NW windy but not freezing
Mr Belden & Ralph divided broom brush into 2 separate
parcels in barn -

1879

March 12 - 25 deg Wednesday fair wind NW cool breeze with clouds
Mr Pelkey sent down his team & took away my part of broom brush
Mr Kendricks men took away from my farm 4 beef cows to go to Amherst
13 - freezing in the night & thawing in daytime, fair with clouds NW
14 cloudy morning, calm mild cloudy day F. P arrived from Boston
15 29 dg fair, wind NW windy
16 - 21 deg Sunday fair calm pleasant
17 - 23 deg - stormy snow storm wind NE. paid Ralph 50 ct
for shelling corn 1/2 day in cornhouse, helping Mr Belden,
18 - 16 deg cleared off in night, fair clear calm
19 - 6 deg fair cloudy rather calm, not very clear
20 - 12 deg fair calm pleasant thawing fast south side buildings -
21 - 26 deg cloudy, thin sprinkling snowstorm
22 fair calm mild cloudy in afternoon wind NE began snowing
thin & light paid for soft soap 62 ct.
23 - 25 deg Sunday, hail in night cloudy calm fair wind NW snow melting
24 - fair bright calm cloudy afternoon
25 - cloudy calm fair cloudy fair pleasant
26 - 28 deg fair bright calm
27 slight snow fall in night cloudy morning
28 - 34 deg cleared off with NW wind cloudy thawing
29 - cloudy calm calm
30 - Sunday snow fell in night 2 or 3 inches, fair in morning pleasant
31 - fair with clouds wind NW windy day rather colder

1879

April 1 Tuesday fair wind NW windy some clouds
2 - 35 deg fair wind NW partly cloudy
3 - fair calm fine day cloudy in afternoon. State Fast day.
4 - 20 deg fair wind SW cloudy windy
5. 21 deg cloudy calm all day. paid Mr Park for 1 jug cider 10 cts
Returned to Mr Park 1 pair thick boots purchased of him by him, for my account some time ago, but never worn & if saleable to be disposed of also received payment of Mr Jewett for jag of hay 535 lbs at 50 cts per 100 lb 2.67 deduct half fa for weighing 3 cts 2 67/5 2.65,5 paid
6 - 24 deg. Sunday fair calm cloudy in afternoon
7 - cloudy calm in afternoon fair wind Westerly 25 deg. items omitted last Saturday. paid Mr Park for 1 jug cider 10 cts — returned to Mr Park 1 pair thick boots, bought of him 2 years since but never worn & to be sold on my account. paid 5th
* Received of Mr Jewett payment for 535 lbs hay @ 50 cts per Cwt 2.67
bought of Mr Park 1 pint of neatsfoot oil for harness
8 - 30 deg fair wind NW some wind thawing, roads getting muddy
9 - fair fine day calm mild hazy.
10 - 37 deg cloudy wind NE hazy fair rainy
11 - mild snow & hail in night fair morning. cloudy snow melting
12 - 29 deg fair with many clouds wind NW ground frozen roads bad
13 - 26 deg Sunday, fair with clouds, wind North & NW. ground frozen
14 Mild cloudy calm, wind NW fair fine pleasant day
15. cloudy mild some slight rain in afternoon
16 - fair & mild, wind NW pleasant. roads muddy
17 - cloudy wind NE snowing, slight rain in afternoon & evening
18 - rain hail or snow in night, rainy stormy day wind NE
19 - stormy night & morning. Snowy day, showers snow wind NE
held up at night - ground white
20 - Sunday fair bright & calm, ground frozen wind W fresh cool frosty

1879 - April 21 Monday fair bright calm ground frozen wind NW 59 deg
22 fair calm pleasant day wind NW. Mr Ford worked
yesterday & to day & days raking up leaves cleaning off brush
in west yard. sifting coal in coal bins 4 or 5 barrels - picking
up rails & post fallen down on street fences & carted into yard
put rails into pile & posts near woodshed to be cut up
23 - fair calm pleasant day wind NW in afternoon high wind
from North. paid for loaf brown bread 10 cts & rolls
24 deg - 32 deg fair pleasant windy NW day river up
25 - cloudy calm wind south cloudy day river up
in hollow in the meadow
26 - cloudy morning mild. in afternoon fair & pleasant windy South
27 - Sunday cloudy morning calm mild. in afternoon fair mild.
& pleasant above 50 deg. roads nearly settled. river falling
28 - fog & cloud mild calm in afternoon fair
29 - rain in the night - fair morning mild & calm
pleasant day. river rising
30 - rain in the night & cloudy morning wind NE
clearing off & wind NW - meadows overflowed a freshet

1879 May 1. Thursday fair pleasant day wind North or NW
some breeze. river falling
2 fair. some slight frost in low lands calm. cloudy. towards night
came off fair. river falling but lower part meadow still covered
Mr Jamad B. Porter died April 30 aged 76 years. his funeral to day
3 fair fine day, nearly calm. cloudy afternoon wind NW
river still slowly falling
4 - Sunday slight frost fair calm, cloudy afternoon, wind south &
5 - fair calm pleasant wind NW 48 deg. some wind. warm day 70
6 50 deg fair calm wind NW in afternoon wind south cloudy
7 - fair wind NW & Westerly
8 - fair wind NW some breeze Mr Belden went to North Hadley, &
bought 300 lbs plaster at 60 cts per Cwt 150 - paid by Mr Belden
9 - fair fine day wind North or NW.

1879 May 10. fair bright morning, calm, fair day, wind south, cool
11 - Sunday fair calm. in afternoon wind NW dry weather
roads very dusty
12 - fair wind south some wind, pleasant
13 - fair dry weather very dusty. thick hazy smoky atmosphere,
14 - fair thick smoky atmosphere, cloudy wind south, more brisk.
atmosphere clearer on hills. Mr Ford worked 1 day helping to clean
out house drain & also box to privy, shaking carpet in south
parlor, moving furniture, stove, sideboard &c nailing on boards
boards to bare windows & fastening windows. F.P. paid him 1.00
15 - cloudy misty calm wind south fair, partly hazy, warm dry weather
16 - some rain in night & laid the dust. cloudy morning misty
wet cloudy wind south. came off fair in afternoon warm wind south
17 - fair fine day wind NW cool breeze — F.P. went to Northampton
by Express, Received my dividend at Northampton Bank 2. [illegible]
18 - Sunday rain in night & morning cloudy. cleared off about
noon. fair afternoon pleasant
19 some rain in night cloudy or foggy morning showery morning
held up in afternoon cloudy
20 - fair calm pleasant, wind south F.P. went to Northampton
by Express bought for me 1 capcine plaster 25 ct. also Received for
me at Savings Bank per Order 6 months Interest 18.36 due
April 1 — paid Mr Park for 1 jug cider 20 cts
21 - fair pleasant fine day. wind NW windy — paid for soft soap for family 75 cts
Mr Moody brought over a new stove & set up in parlor south room price 30 dolls
22 - fair cool morning some wind NW clear cool. NW
23 - fair cool, wind NW windy. Mr Belden sent by Mr Horton &
bought a new scythe & snath 150 at Northampton yesterday. I gave the money
Received Postal Card, from Mr Bartlett dated May 20. 1879
24 - 35 deg heavy white frost. early vegetables damaged fair clear day wind North
Mr Belden plowed piece south of garden. Mr Brusty worked 1/2 day [illegible]
windows, fixing strainer in sink & took down lightning rod in cowhouse which
I paid for 25 cts

1879 May 25 Sunday fair calm partly cloudy

26 - fair wind north or NW cool some breeze fine cool windy day
paid Mr Belden for one half the seed potatoes for planting, bought of
Mr Wilson 5 bushels. 2 1/2 bushels cost 1.87 & 2 1/2 bushels 1.25 - 1.56
add the cost of scythe & snath 1.50. making in all 3.06. paid him 3.06

27 fair some fog. calm fair day, cloudy in afternoon, slight rain towards
night in afternoon wind SE

28 - fair calm. some clouds fine pleasant day, wind North or NE Mr Osborne
Mr Belden drove Sarah, Marianne, & William to Amherst in carry all of

29 - fair calm fine day wind south. Mr Ford worked 1 day for Mr Belden
on piece south of garden, harrowing in fertilizers

30 - fair calm morning. in afternoon high south wind. Mr Ford worked
1 day part of it trimming hedge. Mr Belden went to mills for Plaster
United States holiday, Decoration day.

31 - cloudy calm warm came off fair in forenoon warm & calm
F.P. left by Express to take cars for Boston.

June 1 Sunday fair bright calm warm 91 deg. wind SW
thunder & lightning in evening. a shower passed to North or NE
Mr Horton paid Mr Cooley some time since for writing deed 2.00
to day repaid Mr Horton 2.00 for the same, & paid him for having the
deed recorded 50 cents

June 2 fair calm warm clouded up in forenoon calm & cloudy in
afternoon. mending clothes

3 - rain in night cloudy morning wind NE wet forenoon cloudy
afternoon - Mr Belden & Ralph setting out cabbage plants garden south of

4 - some rain in the night, cloudy morning, wind North or NE
lowery day wind light cleared off fair in afternoon wind West

5 cloudy calm came off fair wind Westerly at times cloudy
Mr Royal Montague an Assessor, called this morning to see about taxes
Mr Elihu Belden called about noon. Mr Belden went with him to Hadley

6 cloudy calm, sun came out in forenoon fair with some clouds
wind south, a shower in afternoon, wind came round West windy cool

7 46 deg. fair cool wind NW fresh breeze windy. A. D. Phelps & wife
arrived from Boston

1879 – June 8 – 41 deg Sunday, some white frost in bogs, fair wind NW
windy cool, in afternoon warmer wind NW moderate 35 cts
9 50 deg fair calm some thin clouds. paid Mr Belden for Paris Green
10 – fair clear calm warm 84 deg in afternoon some thunder &
lightning at, but no shower here. paid A.D.P. for 4 lemons, 8 cts
11 – cloudy or foggy & muggy came off fair & warm pleasant
A. D. P. & Mr Belden in forenoon went to Northampton with our horse
in afternoon A.D.P. & wife Sarah & William went to ride in Adams carryall